



## Mueller concludes Russia-Trump probe, delivers report

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Special counsel Robert Mueller on Friday turned over his long-awaited final report on the contentious Russia investigation that has cast a dark shadow over Donald Trump's presidency, entangled Trump's family and resulted in criminal charges against some of the president's closest associates. The comprehensive report, still confidential, marks the end of Mueller's probe but sets the stage for big public fights to come. The next steps are up to Trump's attorney general, to Congress and, in all likelihood, federal courts.

The Justice Department said the report was delivered by a security officer Friday afternoon to the office of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, and then it went to Attorney General William Barr. Word



Special Counsel Robert Muller arrives at his office building, Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Washington.

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of the delivery triggered reactions across Washington, including Democrats' demands that it be released

publicly before long and Republicans' contentions that it ended two years of wasted time and money.

Barr released a letter noting his plans to write his own account of Mueller's findings. What happens next is "up

to Attorney General Barr," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders.

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# Trump administration announces new Venezuela sanctions

By DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press

**PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)** —

The Trump administration stepped up sanctions on Venezuela Friday in response to the kidnapping of a top aide for an leader the U.S. wants to see replace the embattled — but not yet ousted — President Nicolas Maduro.

The Treasury Department announcement came while the President Donald Trump met with leaders from five nations in the Caribbean that generally support the U.S. call for an end to Maduro's rule. Trump hosted them at his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida and pledged U.S. investment in their countries.

The new sanctions, issued in response to the kidnapping, specifically target Venezuela's national development bank, BANDES, and four additional subsidiaries that BANDES owns or controls.

"The regime's continued use of kidnapping, torture and murder of Venezuelan citizens will not be tolerated by the U.S. or the in-



From left, National Security Adviser John Bolton, Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan and President Donald Trump sit together during a meeting with Caribbean leaders at Mar-A Lago, Friday, March 22, 2019, in Palm Beach, Fla.

ternational coalition" that is united behind Juan Guaido, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said. He was referring to the opposition leader recognized by more than 50 countries as the

legitimate interim leader following a flawed ballot that resulted in Maduro's re-election.

Earlier this week, forces affiliated with the Maduro government broke into the homes of officials backing Guaido and threatened them with their lives. Guaido's chief of staff, Roberto Marrero, was kidnapped. In an op-ed published Friday in The Miami Herald, Vice President Mike Pence said the kidnapping was an "egregious violation of the rule of law" and was only the latest example of Maduro's "brutality and despotism."

"We're not bluffing when we told Maduro not to do stuff like this (the kidnapping)," John Bolton, Trump's national security adviser told Univision News in an interview aired Friday. The U.S. has already sanctioned scores of top Venezuelan officials and has blocked U.S. banks from doing business with that country, imposing a financial stranglehold on the cash-strapped nation. The sanctions announced Friday also came as members of Congress from both parties condemned Marrero's arrest.

"The international com-

munity is closely watching Maduro's actions and will respond accordingly to any that threaten the safety of the opposition and Interim President Juan Guaidó," said Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas.

Trump hosted the leaders of Jamaica, Bahamas, Haiti, Dominican Republic and St. Lucia to show his support for Caribbean countries that back democratic transition in Venezuela. The five have either denounced Maduro or joined more than 50 countries in recognizing Juan Guaido as the rightful interim leader of the nation.

Trump told the leaders as the meeting kicked off that he would be "discussing ways that we can be beneficial to you and you can be beneficial to us."

Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness said that at their meeting with Trump he learned that a representative from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a U.S. government agency that helps American businesses invest in emerging markets, would be visiting the region and the five countries.

"The message from this meeting is that the United States wants to encourage

and promote stronger relationship with the region," Holness said. "It's absolutely important that it's not just talk, that there will be real investments."

"We're very happy with that message. We feel that that is a message that is long-in-coming, but we're also satisfied that it's not just a message. We're satisfied that there will be instrumental action."

The Trump administration considers Maduro's government a dictatorship and says he was re-elected in an illegitimate election. The U.S. has sanctioned scores of top Venezuelan officials and has blocked U.S. banks from doing business with Venezuela, putting a financial stranglehold on the cash-strapped country. The country is in an economic meltdown and millions of Venezuelans have fled.

Nations in the Caribbean, however, have been split on whether to interfere in Venezuela.

For years, Venezuela has provided a reliable supply of oil to many Caribbean nations. They purchased the oil under the PetroCaribe arrangement, which gave them low-interest credit terms, but have left them indebted to Caracas. St. Lucia Prime Minister Allen Michael Chastanet said it's been since the Reagan administration that the U.S. has taken an interest in the Caribbean and acknowledged that Trump's invitation was likely due to their support of the U.S. stance against Venezuela at the Organization of American States.

He also acknowledged that not all countries in the region agree with the U.S. call for Maduro's ouster.

"I think we all recognize there's a problem in Venezuela. Most people recognize the need for new elections," Chastanet said, adding that any disagreement they have is in how that will play out. "The world remains divided on that. I think there is a growing consensus that there needs to be fresh elections in Venezuela to resolve the humanitarian crisis." □

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Barr said he could send his account to Congress quickly.

"I am reviewing the report and anticipate that I may be in a position to advise you of the special counsel's principal conclusions as soon as this weekend," Barr said in his letter the top Republicans and Democrats on the House and Senate Judiciary committees. He pledged a commitment to transparency.

The attorney general said the Justice Department had not denied any request from the special counsel, something Barr would have been required to disclose to Congress to ensure there was no political inference in the independent probe. With no details released at this point, it's not known whether Mueller's report answers the core questions of his investigation: Did Trump's campaign collude with the Kremlin to sway the 2016 presidential election in favor of the celebrity businessman? Also, did Trump take steps later, including by firing his FBI director, to obstruct the probe?

But the delivery of the report does mean the investigation has concluded without any public charges of a criminal conspiracy between the campaign and Russia, or of obstruction by the president. Mueller is not recommending any further indictments in the Russia probe, a Justice Department official confirmed Friday. That person, who described the document as "comprehensive," was not



Attorney General William Barr leaves his home in McLean, Va., Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Associated Press

authorized to discuss the probe and asked for anonymity.

It's unclear what steps Mueller will take if he uncovered what he believes to be criminal wrongdoing by Trump, in light of Justice Department legal opinions that have held that sitting presidents may not be indicted.

The mere delivery of a confidential report set off immediate demands from Democrats for full release of Mueller's findings.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer declared it "imperative" to make the full report public. The top congressional Democrats said, "The American people have a right to the truth."

Democrats also expressed concern that Trump would try to get a "sneak pre-

view" of the findings.

"The White House must not be allowed to interfere in decisions about what parts of those findings or evidence are made public," they said in a joint statement.

Barr has said he wants to make as much public as possible, and any efforts to withhold details will prompt a tussle between the Justice Department and lawmakers who may subpoena Mueller and his investigators to testify before Congress. Such a move by Democrats would likely be vigorously contested by the Trump administration.

The conclusion of Mueller's investigation does not remove legal peril for the president. Trump faces a separate Justice Department investigation in New York into hush money payments during the cam-

aign to two women who say they had sex with him years before the election. He's also been implicated in a potential campaign finance violation by his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, who says Trump asked him to arrange the transactions. Federal prosecutors, also in New York, have been investigating foreign contributions made to the president's inaugural committee.

No matter the findings in Mueller's report, the investigation has already illuminated Russia's assault on the American political system, painted the Trump campaign as eager to exploit the release of hacked Democratic emails and exposed lies by Trump aides aimed at covering up their Russia-related contacts. Over the 21-month investigation, Mueller has brought

charges against 34 people, including six aides and advisers to the president, and three companies.

The special counsel brought a sweeping indictment accusing Russian military intelligence officers of hacking Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign and other Democratic groups during the 2016 election. He charged another group of Russians with carrying out a large-scale social media disinformation campaign against the American political process that also sought to help Trump and hurt Clinton.

Closer to the president, Mueller secured convictions against a campaign chairman who cheated banks and dodged his taxes, a national security adviser who lied about his Russian contacts and a campaign aide who misled the FBI about his knowledge of stolen emails.

Cohen, the president's former lawyer, pleaded guilty in New York to campaign finance violations arising from the hush money payments and in the Mueller probe to lying to Congress about a Moscow real estate deal. Another Trump confidant, Roger Stone, is awaiting trial on charges that he lied about his pursuit of Russian-hacked emails ultimately released by WikiLeaks. It's unclear whether any of the aides who have been convicted, all of whom have pleaded guilty and cooperated with the investigators, might angle for a pardon. Trump has left open the idea of pardons. □

# Jimmy Carter's new milestone: Longest-lived U.S. president

By **BILL BARROW**  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Nearly four decades after voters unceremoniously rejected then-President Jimmy Carter's bid for a second term, the 39th president has reached a milestone that electoral math cannot dispute: He is now the longest-living chief executive in American history.

Friday is the 172nd day beyond Carter's 94th birthday, exceeding by one day the lifespan of former President George H.W. Bush, who died Nov. 30 at the age of 94 years, 171 days. Both men were born in 1924: Bush on June 12, Carter on Oct. 1.

It's yet another post-presidency distinction for Carter, whose legacy since leaving office has long overshadowed both his rocky White House tenure and the remarkable political rise that led him from his family peanut farm and a state Senate seat to the governor's mansion and his unlikely presidential victory in 1976.

The achievement also de-



In this March 27, 2018 file photo, former President Jimmy Carter speaks during a funeral service for former and former Georgia Gov. Zell Miller, in Atlanta.

fies medical odds, coming more than three years after Carter announced he had melanoma that had spread to his liver and brain. He underwent treatment and received a clean bill of health.

"There are no special cel-

ebrations planned," said Deanna Congileo, spokeswoman for the former president and The Carter Center, which Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, now 91, founded in Atlanta in 1982 to focus on global human rights issues.

**Associated Press**

The center's decades of public health advocacy, election-monitoring and conflict resolution around the world have redefined the role of former presidents, who before Carter often retired to relative obscurity. "We at The Carter Center sure are rooting for him and grateful for his long life of service that has benefited millions of the world's poorest people," Congileo said. Seemingly downplaying his political career, Carter has for years characterized the center's work as his defining professional achievement — though, of course, having been a U.S. president is what allowed him the stature to establish the center.

"I spent four of my ninety years in the White House, and they were, of course, the pinnacle of my political life," Carter wrote in a memoir published on his 90th birthday. "Those years, though, do not dominate my chain of memories, and there was never an orderly or planned path to get there during my early life." Rather, he continued, "Teaching, writing and helping The Carter Center evolve ... seem to constitute the high points in my life."

And the man who once held the U.S. nuclear codes,

forged a historic Middle East peace deal at Camp David and tried to manage a hostage crisis that sealed his one-term fate has a simple answer whenever he's asked to recount the best or most significant decision he's ever made: "Asking Rosalynn to marry me."

The former president and first lady still live in Plains, Georgia, a town of about 750 where they were born, raised and married 73 years ago, weeks after the future commander in chief graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

A devout Christian, Jimmy Carter regularly teaches Sunday school at Maranatha Baptist Church, drawing hundreds of visitors to Plains for each session. The Carters pose for pictures with each attendee.

Though he sometimes de-emphasizes his elected career, living so long after his presidency is allowing Carter a resurgence of sorts in Democratic politics.

Two current presidential candidates, Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, have ventured to Plains to meet with the Carters. The former president has hosted Bernie Sanders, a 2016 and 2020 presidential candidate, for a panel at The Carter Center — and Carter told the audience that he voted for Sanders over Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Democratic primary. He hosted and endorsed Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams in her unsuccessful bid for Georgia governor last year.

Georgia Democrats say they expect more presidential candidates to make a Plains pilgrimage.

As for what's next, Carter has at least one more accomplishment on his mind, pointing often to The Carter Center's long-running effort to eliminate Guinea worm disease, a parasitic infection attributed to poor drinking water.

There were 3.5 million cases in 21 countries in 1986, when the Carter Center began its eradication program. In 2018, there were 28 cases worldwide. □

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# California to waive environmental rules for fire season prep

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— California Gov. Gavin Newsom moved Friday to bypass environmental regulations to prepare for the next wildfire season, a move he said was necessary to prevent further loss of life even as it frustrated activists in a state viewed as a national environmental leader.

"The increasing wildfire risks we face as a state mean we simply can't wait until a fire starts in order to start deploying emergency resources," Newsom said in a statement ahead of declaring a state of emergency.

California experienced two of its most destructive and deadly wildfire seasons in 2017 and 2018 and experts say climate change increases the risks. Newsom said clearing dead trees at a quick pace is essential to diminishing future threats. President Donald Trump has blamed California fires on poor forest management, though experts say climate change caused by people is more of a factor. Newsom is taking recommendations from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, but one environmental group likened it to actions



In this June 12, 2018 file photo, firefighters clear burned and unburned brush from a hillside above Portola Drive after a wildfire broke out in the Benedict Canyon area of Los Angeles.

Associated Press

by Trump.

"Gov. Newsom should reject the Trump approach of logging and rolling back critical environmental protections," said Shaye Wolf, climate science director for the Center for Biological Diversity.

Newsom also pledged \$50 million for fire preparedness in low-income communities and asked the private sector to bring forward innovative proposals.

The center and other envi-

ronmental groups said focusing on retrofitting and creating defensible space around homes is more effective than thinning forests. Sierra Club California said clearing trees might create more danger by loosening soil that could lead to mudslides.

Newsom's order will apply only to 35 projects covering nearly 141 square miles (365 square kilometers) of land, allowing state fire officials to go around multiple state

regulations. They include provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, one of the nation's strictest state-level regulations. Administration officials would need to give the go ahead to each individual project and it's unclear exactly which regulations each individual project would forego.

Newsom said moving through the normal process would drastically slow down the state's ability to

act. "Some of these projects quite literally, not figuratively, could take two years to get done, or we could get them done in the next two months," he told an audience in Lake County, the site of several massive wildfires in recent years.

The union representing state firefighters praised Newsom's plan.

"These circumstances are unusual, unpredictable, unseen in our lifetime, and courageous decisions that sometimes go against the political winds need to be made," said Tim Edwards, president of CAL Fire Local 2881.

Republican state Sen. Pat Bates also praised Newsom for acting with urgency ahead of the wildfire season.

"I stand ready to assist the Governor with any legislative action to eliminate bureaucratic roadblocks that could slow these projects," she said in a statement.

While environmental groups bristled at Newsom's plan, they still align with him on a wide range of issues. Newsom's predecessor, fellow Democrat Jerry Brown, was known globally for his fight against climate change but still clashed with environmental groups at home on some issues. □

# Watchdog: FEMA wrongly released personal data of victims

By COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)

— The Federal Emergency Management Agency wrongly released to a contractor the personal information of 2.3 million survivors of devastating 2017 hurricanes and wildfires, potentially exposing the victims to identity fraud and theft, a government watchdog reported Friday.

The Homeland Security Department's Office of Inspector General found the breach occurred when FEMA was working with a contractor that helps provide temporary housing to those affected by disasters. FEMA is one of Homeland



In this Oct. 5, 2017 file photo, Department of Homeland Security personnel deliver supplies to Santa Ana community residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Guayama, Puerto Rico.

Associated Press

Security's many agencies; the sprawling 240,000-person department also includes immigration en-

forcement, and the U.S. Secret Service.

FEMA officials said that since the discovery of the

issue, the agency was no longer sharing unnecessary data with the contractor and has conducted a detailed review of the contractor's information system and has found no indication to suggest data has been compromised.

The agency said in a statement it is working with the contractor to remove the data from its system and has instructed staff to complete additional privacy training.

"FEMA's goal remains protecting and strengthening the integrity, effectiveness, and security of our disaster programs that help people before, during, and after disasters," FEMA Press Secretary Lizzie Litzow said in a

statement. Some information, like names, last four digits of a Social Security number and how many people live in a household are required to confirm eligibility and locate housing for victims. But FEMA also provided the contractor with bank names electronic funds transfer numbers and bank transit numbers that were not required by the contractor.

The watchdog said that FEMA violated both federal privacy laws and also Homeland Security policy by giving the extra data to the contractor, whose name was redacted in the report made public Friday. □

# Judge scrutinizes Trump's policy shift on asylum seekers

By **SUDHIN THANAWALA**

**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A U.S. judge appeared skeptical Friday of one of the key arguments that civil liberties groups have made to try to block the Trump administration's policy of returning asylum seekers to Mexico until their cases are heard.

Judge Richard Seeborg also had tough questions for a Justice Department attorney who defended the practice as a lawful response to an overtaxed immigration system. Seeborg did not immediately issue a ruling at the end of a hearing in San Francisco to help him decide whether to stop the policy while a lawsuit moves forward.

The policy began in January and marked an unprecedented change to the U.S. asylum system. Families seeking asylum are typically released in the U.S. with notices to appear in immigration court, but the Trump administration began sending them back to Mexico to await their court hearings.

The policy affects those who seek asylum at the nation's busiest border crossing, in San Diego, and the Calexico port of entry



**In this Tuesday, March 19, 2019, file photo, a man who only gave his first name as Ariel, of Honduras, center in blue shirt, crosses into the United States to begin his asylum case with others after being returned to Mexico in Tijuana, Mexico.**

that's about 120 miles (193 kilometers) east.

The lawsuit on behalf of 11 asylum seekers from Central America and legal advocacy groups says the administration is violating U.S. law by failing to adequately evaluate the dangers that migrants face in Mexico.

Under the new policy, asylum seekers are not guaranteed interpreters or lawyers and don't get to argue

to a judge that they face the potential of persecution or torture if they are sent back to Mexico, said Judy Rabinovitz, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, one of the groups that is suing.

"The process they have right now completely turns the whole notion of protection on its head," she said. Seeborg questioned the lawsuit's argument that the administration misap-

plied a U.S. law that allows the return of immigrants to Mexico. The ACLU and the other groups say that law does not apply to asylum seekers who cross the border illegally or arrive at an entry port without proper documents.

Seeborg said they faced a "tall order" convincing him that asylum seekers were always exempt from that law. He did say the plaintiffs had authority to bring the

**Associated Press**

case, and the court could hear it.

The Trump administration hopes that making asylum seekers wait in Mexico will discourage weak claims and help reduce an immigration court backlog of more than 800,000 cases.

Justice Department attorney Scott Stewart said there is a process to protect immigrants who could face harm in Mexico. All 11 plaintiffs in the lawsuit are represented by attorneys, and 10 already have appeared for court proceedings, he said.

Seeborg questioned the Justice Department's argument that the asylum seekers sent back to Mexico are not eligible for certain protections such as a hearing before an immigration judge.

"The same thing is happening to these people for good or bad," he said.

Border Patrol arrests, the most widely used gauge of illegal crossings, have risen sharply over the last year but are relatively low in historical terms after hitting a 46-year low in 2017.

The policy followed months of delicate talks between the U.S. and Mexico. Mexicans and children traveling alone are exempt from it. □

## Flight attendant detained by immigration on return to U.S.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A flight attendant who traveled to Mexico for work while enrolled in a program for immigrants brought to the United States as children was detained on her way back by U.S. immigration authorities but said Friday she was being released, her attorney said.

Selene Saavedra Roman, a 28-year-old originally from Peru who is married to an American citizen, was assigned an international flight and raised concerns about whether she could go because of her immigration status, said Belinda Arroyo, her lawyer.

Mesa Airlines mistakenly assured her she would be fine, but Saavedra Roman was stopped by U.S. authorities



**This 2018 photo provided by Feldman Strategies shows Selene Saavedra Roman.**

**Associated Press**

on her return to Houston Feb. 12 and sent to an immigration detention facility, Arroyo said.

She has been detained

ever since. But soon after her husband, Arroyo, the airline and flight attendants' association publicly demanded her release, Saavedra Roman called to tell him she was getting out. "She was crying and she said, 'please come get me,'" her husband, David Watkins, told reporters.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the agency was looking into her status at a Texas detention facility. Earlier, the agency said Saavedra Roman didn't have a valid document to enter the country and was being detained while going through immigration court proceedings.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services —

the agency tasked with overseeing the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA — declined to discuss the case. But the agency says on its website that those who travel outside the country without a special document allowing them to do so are no longer covered by the program. The agency no longer issues the document to the program's enrollees, according to the website.

The Trump administration sought to end the Obama-era program but was blocked by litigation. New applications have been halted, but renewals continue for hundreds of thousands of immigrants already enrolled.

In a joint statement with the Association of Flight Attendants, Mesa chief executive Jonathan Ornstein apologized to Saavedra Roman and asked U.S. authorities to release her, arguing it was unfair to continually detain someone "over something that is nothing more than an administrative error and a misunderstanding."

"She should have never been advised that she could travel," Arroyo said. "It was a big mistake."

Saavedra Roman — who is scheduled to appear before an immigration judge in April — was brought to the country as a young child and attended Texas A&M University, where she met her husband. □

# White cop cleared in fatal shooting of black teenager

By RAMESH SANTANAM  
Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — A jury acquitted a white former police officer Friday in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager as he was fleeing a high-stakes traffic stop outside Pittsburgh, a confrontation that was captured on video and led to weeks of unrest.

Former East Pittsburgh Police Officer Michael Rosfeld was charged with homicide for shooting Antwon Rose II in the back last June. Rose was riding in an unlicensed taxi that had been involved in a drive-by shooting when Rosfeld pulled the car over and shot the 17-year-old in the back, arm and side of the face as he ran away. The panel of seven men and five women — including three black jurors — saw video of the fatal confrontation, which showed Rose falling to the ground after being hit. The acquittal came after fewer than four hours of deliberations on the fourth day of the trial. Rose's family remained stoic as the verdict was read, with his mother telling his sister not to cry. Rosfeld's wife began sobbing, and she and Rosfeld were hustled out of the courtroom by deputies. There were tears and gasps



In this March 12, 2019 file photo, former East Pittsburgh police officer Michael Rosfeld, charged with homicide in the shooting death of Antwon Rose II, walks to the Dauphin County Courthouse in Harrisburg, Pa.

in an overflow courtroom, and several people broke out in song: "Antwon Rose was a freedom fighter, and he taught us how to fight." Outside, dozens of protesters chanted: "Say his name: Antwon Rose the Second." The Rose family's attorney, S. Lee Merritt, had urged a murder conviction, saying before closing arguments that it's "pretty obvious" Rose was not a threat to Rosfeld. Defense lawyer Patrick Thomassey told reporters

after the verdict that Rosfeld is "a good man, he is." He said he hoped the city remained calm, and "everybody takes a deep breath and gets on with their lives." Rose's death — one of many high-profile killings of black men and teens by white police officers in recent years — spurred angry protests in the Pittsburgh area last year, including a late-night march that shut down a major highway. On Friday, Assistant District

Attorney Jonathan Fodi declared in his closing argument that Rosfeld had acted as "judge, jury and executioner." But the former officer told the jury he thought Rose or another suspect had a gun, insisting he fired his weapon to protect himself and the community. The prosecution and the defense sparred over whether Rosfeld — who'd worked for the East Pittsburgh Police Department for only a few weeks and

was officially sworn in just hours before the fatal shooting — was justified in using lethal force. Prosecutors said Rosfeld gave inconsistent statements about the shooting, including whether he thought Rose was armed. The video evidence showed "there was no threat" to the officer, Fodi said in his closing. "We don't shoot first and ask questions later," the prosecutor added. "It happened very quickly," Rosfeld said. "My intent was to end the threat that was made against me." Prosecutors charged Rosfeld with an open count of homicide, meaning the jury had the option of convicting him of murder or manslaughter. Rose had been riding in the front seat of the cab when another occupant, Zaijuan Hester, in the back, rolled down a window and shot at two men on the street, hitting one in the abdomen. A few minutes later, Rosfeld spotted their car, which had its rear windshield shot out, and pulled it over. Rosfeld ordered the driver to the ground, but Rose and another passenger jumped out and began running away. Rosfeld fired three times in quick succession. □

# Judge says New York's stun gun ban is unconstitutional

By CHRIS CAROLA  
Associated Press

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)** — New York state's ban on personal ownership of stun guns is unconstitutional, a federal judge ruled Friday in the latest in a series of court decisions that have led to the loosening of restrictions on the weapons in several states. The decision came in a lawsuit filed by Matthew Avitabile, of Schoharie County, New York, who said he wanted to buy a stun gun for self-defense in his rural upstate home. His lawyers argued that New York's longstanding

ban on civilian ownership of stun guns violated the Second Amendment right to bear arms. U.S. District Judge David Hurd agreed. "New York's sweeping prohibition on the possession and use of tasers and stun guns by all citizens for all purposes, even for self-defense in one's own home, must be declared unconstitutional," Hurd wrote in his decision. The lawsuit named the superintendent of the state police, the agency that enforces New York's weapons laws. New York attorney general's office, which de-

fends the state in lawsuits, referred questions to state police or Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office. Cuomo adviser Richard Azopardi said that state lawyers are reviewing the decision and that the governor is reserving comment. Illinois' Supreme Court made a similar stun gun ruling Thursday, deciding in favor of two men charged with carrying the weapons. In New Jersey, a resident and the New Jersey Second Amendment Society sued the state in 2016 after Taser International declined his order for a Taser



In this May 7, 2008 file photo, a police issued taser is displayed at the Victoria police station in Victoria, British Columbia.

Associated Press

Pulse model because the state bans the sale of such merchandise. The following year the state's attorney general conceded the state's ban on electronic arms is unconstitutional.

A Massachusetts court struck down that state's stun gun ban last year, also ruling that banning civilian possession of the weapons violates the U.S. Constitution's right to bear arms. □

# EU leaders postpone decision on 2050 climate goal

By **FRANK JORDANS**  
**SAMUEL PETREQUIN**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — European Union leaders on Friday pushed back a decision on the bloc's long-term efforts to fight climate change, with some countries opposing a pledge to end most emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050.

Leaders meeting in Brussels agreed to discuss the issue again at their next gathering in June, ahead of a U.N. summit on climate change in the fall. The delay frustrated environmental campaigners, who argue that the EU should lead global efforts to meet the 2015 Paris accord's most ambitious target of keeping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century.

"European governments are kicking the can down the road on climate change," said Sebastian Mang, a policy adviser with Greenpeace.

Mang cited warnings from scientists that sharp cuts in emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are needed in the coming decades to prevent potentially catastrophic levels of warming by the end of



**Young people protest for climate action with a sign reading 'Save the World Now' during a 'Friday for Future' demonstration in Berlin, Germany, Friday, March 22, 2019.**

the century. "Young people get this," he said, referring to recent rallies in cities around the world that drew hundreds of thousands of students calling for leaders to tackle climate change. French President Emmanuel Macron, who two years ago launched the "One Planet Summit" aimed at speeding up the implementation of the 2015 Paris climate agreement, said Friday that the bloc's efforts at fighting climate

change "were eminently insufficient."

"Today, we are not giving a clear answer to the commitments we made in Paris in 2015, to the scientific challenges pointed out by the best experts, and to the legitimate impatience that youngsters are expressing in demonstrations every week in our capitals," Macron said. "We will need to wake up, but we have not really seen that yet."

Much of the two-day EU

meeting in Brussels was taken up with haggling over the bloc's future relationship with Britain. But on the second day, leaders were able to address a number of other issues, including the EU's ties with China, industrial policy and global warming.

Some countries, including France, Spain and the Netherlands, had proposed that leaders agree "an ambitious long-term strategy by 2020 striving for climate

neutrality by 2050" in line with the Paris accord's climate warming goal. Climate neutrality would require countries to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to the level that can be absorbed again and is sometimes referred to as "net zero."

Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic were among those EU nations reluctant to explicitly cite the year 2050 for curbing emissions, according to position papers obtained by The Associated Press.

Still, a lead author of the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's recent report on limiting global warming to 1.5 C above pre-industrial times said that while the EU declaration was vague, it addressed important points.

"They sharpened the commitment to 1.5 (Celsius)," said Daniela Jacob, director of the Climate Services Center in Hamburg, Germany.

The European Parliament recently voted in favor of raising the targeted emissions cuts to 55 percent by 2030, but leaders of the bloc's 28 members have so far refrained from following suit. □

**Associated Press**

# Priest in stable condition after stabbing at Montreal church

**Associated Press**

**MONTREAL (AP)** — A Canadian Catholic priest was stabbed in front of dozens of stunned worshippers as he was celebrating mass Friday morning at Montreal's St. Joseph's Oratory.

Montreal police said a 911 call was placed at around 8:40 a.m. local time. When officers arrived at the landmark church, a male suspect was already detained by security guards.

Philip Barrett, who was sitting near the front of the church, said he saw a tall man, who appeared to be a Caucasian in his 30s, rise from a pew and quickly walk to attack Rev. Claude Grou, the Oratory's rector. "He walked over behind the altar and he seemed



**A woman talks to the media at the scene where a Catholic priest was stabbed as he was celebrating morning mass at the St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal on Friday, March 22, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

to strike the priest's body," Barrett said. "I think the priest fell down at that time. I do remember the priest was moving away from the

man but it happened so quickly there was almost no time to react."

The service was live-streamed on a Catholic

channel. Video shows a tall man in a dark jacket and white baseball cap rounding the altar and charging at Grou as he thrusts his right arm toward the priest. Grou runs backward a few steps before the assailant pushes him into a banner. As screams are heard in the background, a group of people run forward, surrounding and blocking the suspect. Barrett said people quickly restrained the suspect, who did not struggle. He said the suspect didn't speak or call out during the attack. The suspect was to be questioned by police Friday morning.

Barrett said Grou crumpled to the ground after the attack, but he appeared to be conscious and alert

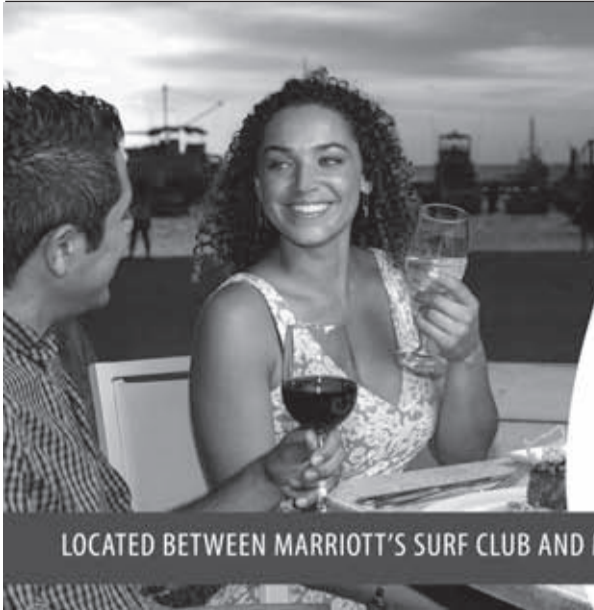
about 15 minutes later when paramedics wheeled him to an ambulance.

He said members of the congregation immediately began praying.

"We're reassured, because when he left the oratory he was conscious and could talk, which we see as a good sign," said Celine Barbeau, a spokeswoman for the church.

St. Joseph's Oratory is among Canada's largest churches, and pilgrims from all over the world are drawn to its domed roof and stunning architecture. Barrett said that he, like the rest of the roughly 60 people present, was shocked that an attack would happen in a place he has come to see as a haven. □





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## Mourners walk silently to honor Utrecht shooting victims

By **ALEKSANDAR FURTULA**  
**MIKE CORDER**

**Associated Press**

**UTRECHT, Netherlands**

**(AP)** — The main suspect in a deadly tram shooting in Utrecht confessed to the attack and said he acted alone, prosecutors announced Friday, hours before mourners walked in silence through the central Dutch city to honor the victims.

Thousands of people, many carrying red and white flowers to match the colors of the city's flag, walked to the scene of Monday's attack to commemorate the three people killed and three others who were seriously injured in the shooting.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who was among the walkers, said he was "very sad and at the same time proud that we can do this together and show that we



**Prime Minister of the Netherlands Rutten talks to people during a silent march to commemorate the victims of a shooting in Utrecht, Netherlands, Friday, March 22, 2019.**

will never, never surrender to violent extremism."

The shooting is being investigated as a possible extremist attack, but prosecutors would not say if the suspect, Gokmen Tanis, has

said anything about his motive.

"The 37-year-old suspect this morning confessed the criminal acts he is charged with" at a hearing before an investigating judge, the

public prosecutor's office said.

Prosecutors did not elaborate on the confession and said the gunman's motive remains under investigation.

**Associated Press**

Tanis, a Utrecht resident of Turkish descent, was arrested hours after the shooting and is being held on charges including multiple murder or manslaughter with terrorist intent for the deaths of two men and a woman.

The victims included a father who trained youth teams at a local soccer club and a woman who worked in a cafe in a nearby town.

Prosecutors have said the suspect, who has a long criminal record, did not know any of those who were shot on the tram. They say the nature of the shooting and a note found in a getaway car led to strong suspicions of an extremist motive. The team investigating the shooting has asked a forensic psychiatry and psychology institute to carry out a personality test on the suspect. □

## Belgian carnival may lose UN recognition amid anti-Semitism

By **SYLVIE CORBET**  
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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — The U.N.'s cultural agency said Friday it could remove Belgium's famed Aalst carnival from its cultural heritage list following accusations of anti-Semitism during a parade. UNESCO, Jewish organizations and European authorities have condemned the supposed anti-Semitic and racist nature of a parade float at the Aalst Carnival that featured stereotypical puppets of Jews earlier this month. The reaction in Aalst was swift enough, with



**In this Nov. 4, 2017 file photo, the logo of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) is seen during the 39th session of the General Conference at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.**

mayor Christophe D'haese saying "UNESCO simply

doesn't get it" and that the festival's uncensored icon-

**Associated Press**

oclast nature was its essence. The agency's director-general Audrey Azoulay said, "It's not the first time that these racist and anti-Semitic floats parade in this festival," adding that UNESCO's duty is "to be vigilant and uncompromising regarding such occurrences." A few days after the March 3 parade, European Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said "it should be obvious to all that portraying such representations in the streets of Europe is absolutely unthinkable, 74 years after the Holocaust." UNESCO repre-

sentatives have decided to put the issue on the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee that makes decisions on the cultural heritage list in December in Colombia. A removal decision would be a first since the 2003 Convention that created the label.

The Aalst Carnival has been on the UNESCO cultural heritage list since 2010, an inscription which doesn't entail financial support. UNESCO said the move also aims at sending a message of "tolerance zero" to all other elements inscribed on the list. □

# Golan Heights an area of beauty, strategic value

By **ZEINA KARAM**  
**ISABEL DEBRE**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — President Donald Trump's move to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights turns the tables on decades of U.S. diplomacy and international law and threatens to further inflame regional tensions.

It is unlikely, though, to have much impact on the actual status of the territory, where Israel acts with full military control despite the lack of international recognition for its annexation 38 years ago.

A look at the Golan Heights:

## WHAT IS ITS POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE?

The Golan Heights is a strategic high ground at the southwestern corner of Syria with stunning, broad views of both Israel and Syria below. It is roughly about 1,200 square kilometers (460 square miles) and borders the Sea of Galilee. Israel captured the territory in the 1967 Mideast War and annexed it in 1981, a move that was never recognized by any country in the world. U.N. Security Council resolution 497, issued after the annexation, refers to Isra-



In this April 17, 2018, file photo, Druze men carry Syrian flags during a rally marking Syria's Independence Day, in the Druze village of Ein Qiniyye, Israeli-controlled Golan Heights.

**Associated Press**

el's action as "null and void and without international legal effect."

For then-Syrian President Hafez Assad, the father of current leader Bashar Assad, the loss of the Golan Heights left a gaping wound, and he held various rounds of talks with the Israelis aimed at recovering the territory. The two sides appeared close to a deal in 2000, but disagreement over its fate ultimately foiled the talks.

For Bashar Assad, recover-

ing the territory has been more of a rallying cry than a genuine concern. The civil war in Syria over the past eight years has been the priority and the areas adjacent to the Golan nearly fell to the rebels at one point.

Having recovered those areas with Russia's help, Assad and his allies will likely seize on Trump's move to renew its claims to the Golan. The Syrian government said in a statement Friday it is now more intent on liber-

ating the Golan, "using every possible means."

## WHO LIVES THERE?

The Golan front has been mostly quiet since 1974, a year after Hafez Assad mounted a failed attempt to retake the plateau. The U.N. Disengagement Observer Force, known as UNDOF, was established to monitor the cease-fire in May 1974 by a U.N. Security Council resolution.

Israel has built dozens of settlements in the Golan over the years, with an es-

timated 26,000 Jewish settlers living there as of 2019. Roughly the same number of Arabs live there, most of them members of the Druze sect of Shiite Islam.

Settlers have built wineries, boutique hotels and a ski resort, transforming the picturesque area into a popular region for Israel's domestic tourism. The Sea of Galilee is also Israel's main reservoir.

In contrast to the Palestinian territories captured in 1967, the Golan has remained quiet under Israeli rule. While most of the Golan's Druze have chosen not to take Israeli citizenship, they hold Israeli residency status that gives them the right to travel and work freely. Residents speak Hebrew.

Still, the community largely sees itself as inextricably linked to Syria. Many of the families living in the occupied Golan are separated from family in Syria. In past years, particularly before digital technology, they communicated with their brethren on the Syrian side through megaphones placed on two opposite sides of a valley named the "valley of tears." Before the war, brides would often cross at the border pass of Quneitra. □

# India bans pro-independence group in Kashmir

**Associated Press**

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — India on Friday banned a pro-independence group in its portion of Kashmir as part of a crackdown on separatist organizations.

A government statement said it declared Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front an "unlawful association" as it tries to curb the activities of secessionist organizations posing a threat to the country's unity and integrity.

The group's leader, Yasin Malik, was arrested recently in a counteroffensive against dissent following a Feb. 14 suicide attack that killed 40 Indian soldiers in Kashmir. Over a thousand people have been arrested since then.

The government accused



In this Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, file photo, Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Chairman Yasin Malik, center, walks outside his home after he was detained by Indian police in Srinagar, Indian controlled Kashmir.

**Associated Press**

the group of raising money and distributing it to separatists to fuel unrest and subversive activities in the Kashmir Valley. The group didn't immediately offer a

statement. It was one of the pioneers of armed struggle in Kashmir and was banned in 1990. The ban wasn't extended after the group declared

a unilateral cease-fire in 1994. Since then, it has challenged India's sovereignty in Kashmir politically. In February, the Indian government declared another anti-India group, the Jamaat-e-Islami, an unlawful association. It said the group has been providing recruits, funding, shelter and logistics to a Pakistan-backed rebel organization, Hizbul Mujahideen.

Insurgent groups have been fighting for Kashmir's independence from India or its merger with Pakistan since 1989.

Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since they won independence from British colonialists in 1947. Both countries claim the region in its entirety and have fought

two wars over its control.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the insurgents, a charge that Islamabad denies. Pakistan says it provides only diplomatic and moral support to the rebels fighting Indian rule. Tensions escalated last month after India launched an airstrike inside Pakistan, targeting militants blamed for the Feb. 14 suicide bombing on Indian paramilitary soldiers in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

Pakistan retaliated by shooting down two Indian planes and capturing a pilot, who was later returned to India. India says it lost one plane.

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## China chemical plant blast kills 47, injures hundreds more

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — A massive explosion at a chemical plant in eastern China with a long record of safety violations has killed at least 47 people and injured hundreds of others, 90 of them seriously.

Thursday's blast in an industrial park in the city of Yancheng, north of Shanghai, was one of China's worst industrial accidents in recent years. State-run television showed crushed cars, blown-out windows and workers leaving the factory with bloodied heads.

Schools were closed and nearly 1,000 residents were moved to safety as a precaution against leaks and additional explosions, the city government said in a statement posted to its microblog.

The blast created a crater, and more than 900 firefighters were deployed to extinguish the fire that burned into the night.

Windows in buildings as far as 6 kilometers (4 miles) away were blown out by the force of the blast, which caused a magnitude 2.2 seismic shock.



In this Thursday, March 21, 2019, photo, rescuers walk near the site of a factory explosion in a chemical industrial park in Xiangshui County of Yancheng in eastern China's Jiangsu province.

A resident of the community of Chenjiagang, about 5 kilometers (about 3 miles) from the plant, said glass from windows smashed by the force of the blast injured neighbors.

"At the time of the explosion, I was almost deafened and I was terribly frightened," said the woman, who gave only her surname, Zhi.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, on a state visit to Italy, demanded "all-out efforts" to find and rescue victims, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"Relief work must be well done to maintain social stability. Meanwhile, environmental monitoring and early warning should be strengthened to prevent environmental pollution as

well as secondary disasters," it quoted Xi as saying. Xi said local officials need to learn the lessons of a recent series of industrial accidents to save lives and property, signaling a likely crackdown on safety violations at a time when many Chinese companies are being hit by a downturn in sales that is squeezing profit margins.

The higher death toll, raised from 44 but with no change in the number of injured, suggested rescue crews were still finding bodies at the blast site.

The Yancheng city government statement said 3,500 medical workers at 16 hospitals were mobilized to treat the injured, dozens of whom remained in critical condition.

The U.N. said Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was "deeply saddened" at the loss of life and injuries and sent "heartfelt sympathies" to the families of the victims and to the people and government of China. The cause of the blast was under investigation, and people responsible for operations at the plant have been placed "under control," Xinhua said. It wasn't clear whether anyone had been formally arrested.

State media said the State Council, China's Cabinet, had been ordered to oversee the investigation.

China experiences frequent industrial accidents despite orders from the central government to improve safety at factories, power plants and mines. □

## Ukrainian presidential candidate meets Russian PM in Moscow

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A Ukrainian presidential candidate has traveled to Moscow to meet with the Russian prime minister to discuss gas supplies.

Yuri Boyko, a rare openly pro-Russian candidate, trails far behind a comedian, a former premier and the incumbent president in opinion polls ahead of Ukraine's presidential election on March 31.

Boyko spoke with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Friday in the meeting that was televised live on Ukrainian television. Boyko said he would like Ukraine to resume gas purchases from Russia, which should lower the skyrocketing utility bills for Ukrainians.

The very visit is rare for Ukrainian politicians these days, since any connections to Russia are largely regarded as toxic because of Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula in 2014 and its ongoing support for separatists in the deadly conflict in Ukraine's east. □



Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, left, shakes hands with Ukrainian presidential candidate Yuri Boyko, center, as Ukrainian politician Viktor Medvedchuk, right, attends their meeting in Moscow, Russia, Friday, March 22, 2019.

Associated Press

# Recovery of Falklands war helmets helps heal wounds

By **ALMUDENA CALATRAVA**  
Associated Press

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**  
(AP) — Jorge Altieri runs his

hands over old blood stains on a helmet that saved his life in 1982 when Argentina and Britain went to war over the Falkland Islands.

Looking at the treasured object is still a novelty: The helmet was recently returned to Altieri decades after he lost it on the battlefield where he was almost killed by shrapnel.

"I have it next to me now and I use it like a teddy bear," Altieri said. "I look at it and I get teary-eyed from all the memories."

Argentina lost the war for the South Atlantic archipelago after its troops embarked on an ill-fated invasion nearly 37 years ago, an international humiliation that claimed the lives of 649 Argentines and 255 British soldiers.

Argentina still claims the islands, which it calls the Malvinas. Britain says the Falklands are a self-governing entity under its protection.

After decades of tense relations, though, both coun-



**Argentine war veteran Jorge Altieri poses for a portrait with the blood-stained helmet, recently returned to him, that saved his life in 1982 during the Falklands war, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tuesday, March 12, 2019.**

tries have experienced a thaw, including a deal that allowed a multinational team of experts to exhume and identify the remains of dozens of Argentine soldiers.

Today, veterans and relatives of those who died also say the recovery of objects taken as war trophies has helped heal their scars.

"I can't stop looking at it,

thinking of what it did to stop the bomb shrapnel blowing my head off," Altieri said about his helmet, although he still lost an eye and part of his brain in a blast during battle for Mount Longdon on June 12, 1982, two days before fighting stopped.

In a parallel tale of reconciliation, Argentine veteran Diego Carlos Arreseigor

announced March 7 that he is planning to return the blood-stained helmet of fallen British soldier Alexander Shaw, who was killed at Mount Longdon at age 25. The helmet is expected to be delivered to Shaw's sister, Susan, in April or May. "Susan touched me with her spirituality. She was 15 when her brother left for the war," Arreseigor told

The Associated Press. Arreseigor said he had picked up the helmet in a pile of discarded equipment and hid it from a British soldier by keeping it under his jacket. "I kept it these 37 years, always considering it a trophy of war, a sort of consolation for the loss and the pain of so many fallen friends," he said. "The story moved me. Knowing that he died just hours before the cease-fire. ... it's sad like all war stories," he said. "I just turned 60 and I demand our sovereignty over Las Malvinas, but I also pay homage to all of those who died — Argentine and British — because I think that's the way to rebuild."

For Altieri, having his helmet has helped him find similar closure. After the war's cease-fire, Altieri's helmet was taken to London by a British paratrooper who had pulled it from a heap of military equipment. After the man passed away, it was kept by his family until it was put up for auction four years ago. □

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# Nicaragua opposition eyes imminent deal on prisoner releases

By **GABRIELA SELSER**  
Associated Press

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua**

(AP) — Nicaragua's opposition is hoping for approval Friday of a schedule for freeing 640 people considered political prisoners, a leader of the opposition group Civic Alliance told The Associated Press.

Azahalea Solis, one of the main leaders of the Alliance and a negotiator in talks with the government aimed at resolving a political standoff, also said in an interview that 162 others released from prison and placed under house arrest since February would be granted more definitive freedom under a proposed deal.

"We hope to have ready today, Friday, the agreement for the liberation of the political prisoners, including the exit schedule for every one of them with-



**Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega speaks during the inauguration ceremony of a highway overpass in Managua, Nicaragua, Thursday, March 21, 2019.**

out exception," Solis said. She added that efforts are being made for the latest releases to begin this weekend or Monday, and confirmed that all 802 people detained since protests erupted last April would have unrestricted freedom and see their charges and trials annulled.

Security forces and armed, pro-government civilian groups killed hundreds in their crack down on demonstrators who sought President Daniel Ortega's exit from office last year, according to independent monitors. This week, as negotiations that began Feb. 27 were on

hold over the issue of jailed government opponents, Ortega's government agreed to release them all within 90 days, prompting opposition negotiators to return to the table. In the past, authorities have repeatedly characterized anti-government demonstrators as "terrorists" and "coup-plotters."

Speaking Thursday night at a political event, the president told supporters in an apparent allusion to the negotiations that "we do not all think alike, but despite our ideological and differences, we must unite around a sacred goal, which is peace."

Still, she cautioned that it will be "a slow and complex" process because it entails documenting a long list of individual cases, including prisoners who have not been prosecuted, others facing trial and some

who have already been convicted.

Solis said the Civic Alliance has demanded that police stop detaining government opponents, because otherwise "the list of prisoners will keep growing."

"May all of them go free and clean, without a criminal record, because all the arrests were illegal and due process was violated," Solis said.

The opposition is also seeking guarantees for the safe return of some 52,000 people who have fled the country, and asking that government opponents be able to secure jobs, return to university and get medical care.

Solis said the Alliance will also demand discussion of disarming the pro-government paramilitary groups that attacked protesters, often visibly in coordination with security forces. □

# LOCAL



## Hooiberg 2020 Aruban artist Omaira Silva stands out at Vogeltreppe 2019 in Germany

**ORANJESTAD — Mosaic art is loved in Aruba and more and more people are joining different workshops to learn more about this relaxing, and majestic art form. Omaira Silva is well-known for her masterpieces. The most popular piece, the precious iguana, can be seen at the Aruba's airport. Silva also participates at the Jazz festival every year and has been a patron of the Aruba Art Fair since it started in September 2015.**

Isidora Paz, an international artist from Chile, was invited by Aruba to take part in the first Aruba Art Fair, where she presented her work called Carnival Nymph. It is here where a beautiful friendship was formed between the two ladies. The Vogeltreppe 2019 in Germany, organized by Isidora Paz, was a complete success. Aruba was represented well by Silva, who presented her pieces, Tropic, Blenchi and the Owl.

Also representing Aruba were Mervelin and Mike Geerman, of the Shoco Garden, with their pieces Prikichi & Barica Geel, which are all birds of Aruba. Silva is already preparing for her next big project which is called 'Hooiberg 2020'. Silva, owner of Ban Mozaik, which is affiliated to the Aruba art Fair, will be in charge of transforming Hooiberg into a unique masterpiece. The 660 steps of the hill will be complete-



ly covered with mosaic art pieces making it the longest mosaic staircase in the world. Silva took the opportunity, while taking part at the Vogeltreppe 2019, to immediately inform all 52 international artists from 22 different countries about her next project. In Aruba, Silva will be assisted by Mervelin & Mike Geerman and Enrita Werleman of Ate Mosa, and also Isidora Paz, who all will be gathering as many international artists as possible to send their mosaic art pieces for the Hooi-

berg 2020 project. A large amount of mosaic lovers are needed to complete this project. Aruba Art Fair will be signing up this event for the Guinness World of Records for the longest staircase made out of mosaic art. Aruba Art Fair is very proud of Silva's achievements internationally and is looking forward to a successful 'Hooiberg 2020' project. For more information on how to take part of this project visit their website [www.arubaartfair.com](http://www.arubaartfair.com) or call at 593-4475. □



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## Peru's Rotisserie Chicken is Here



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"Pollo a la Brasa, roasted chicken, is a very popular dish in Peru and the first thing my wife does when she visits her home country is paying a visit to Pardos, a well-known chicken rotisserie in Lima. She realized she never found a place like this on the island of Aruba", says Jan. "The seasoning makes the difference and when it lacks the chicken will be dry and without taste. That was our motivation to bring our own charcoal burning rotisserie from Peru, eco-friendly as it traps heat and steam internally meaning there is no smoke." In the United States roasted chicken is a popular dish, now visitors can have a taste of their favorite home-dish, but with the Peruvian twist.

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A family-oriented restaurant is what *Asi es mi Peru* strives for, and with this extra value of delicious roasted chicken they make this a fact.

*Asi es mi Peru* and *Las Brasas Peruanas* are open for lunch and dinner, check out their Facebook page: [AsiEsMiPeru](https://www.facebook.com/AsiEsMiPeru) or website [www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com](http://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com). □



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## Fishing report for March

By Joris Zandvoort

ORANJESTAD — Spring is upon us, and slowly but surely, Aruba is becoming synonymous with the best fishing in the Caribbean. This paradise island is blessed with amazing weather year-round, countless tourist attractions, and more fish than you can imagine. In March, Spring Breakers and avid anglers come from all over the world, all knowing that Aruba has a fish with their name on it.

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## Honoring of loyal and friendly visitors at the Marriott Surf Club



PALM BEACH— Jonathan Boekhoudt of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor several of Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Distinguished Visitors. This certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

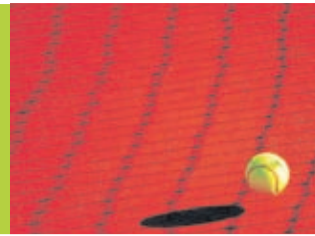
The honorees were Mr. Kyle and Mrs. Gayl Lund from New Hampshire, who received the Distinguished Visitors certificate as they have been visiting Aruba for 10 consecutive years.

The honorees stated that they love coming to the island especially for the lovely people, the great restaurants and the year-round beautiful weather.

Boekhoudt together with representatives of the Marriott Surf Club presented the certificates to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □



# SPORTS



Naomi Osaka, of Japan, follows through on a serve to Yanina Wickmayer, of Belgium, during the Miami Open tennis tournament, Friday, March 22, 2019, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Associated Press

## Serena, Osaka win opening matches in Miami

By STEVEN WINE  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

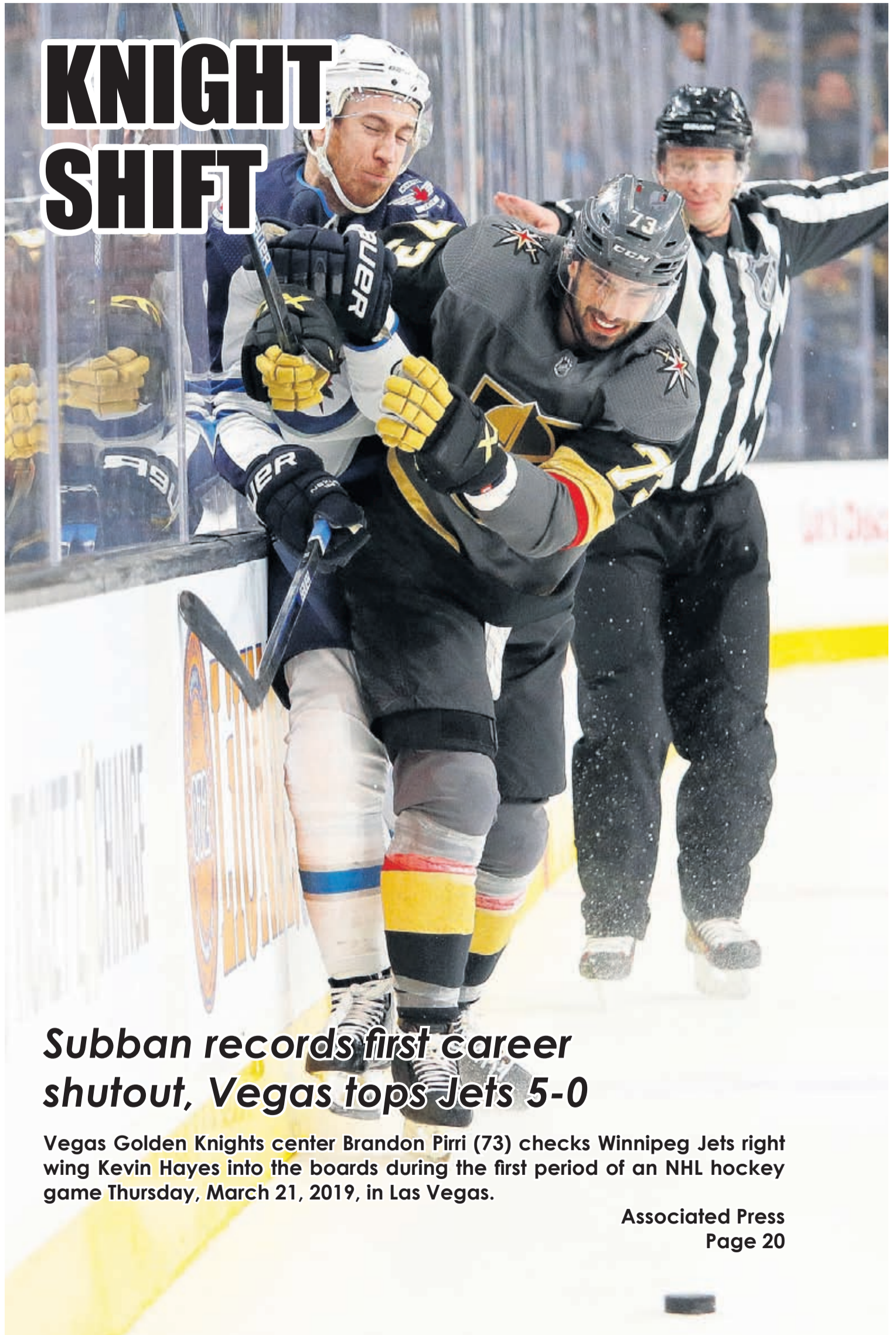
— Facing the setting sun, Serena Williams tried to shield her eyes with her left hand as she hit a shot, lost the point and then waved in frustration at the bothersome glare.

Later, after a seesaw victory in her first match at the Miami Open's new site, she was able to joke about the unwanted spotlight.

"A lot of photographers came," Williams said. "I thought, 'This must be good light.' I thought about taking a selfie, but you've got to stay in the moment."

Williams played poorly for a stretch and was broken three times but steadied her game in the final set to beat Rebecca Peterson 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. She avoided a repeat of last year, when she was eliminated in the first round by Naomi Osaka.

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# KNIGHT SHIFT

## Subban records first career shutout, Vegas tops Jets 5-0

Vegas Golden Knights center Brandon Pirri (73) checks Winnipeg Jets right wing Kevin Hayes into the boards during the first period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Las Vegas.

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# Casey shares halfway lead in title defense at Innisbrook

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP)** — Paul Casey drove into Innisbrook and saw his picture on posters and programs, just what he needed to forget the cut he missed last week. He played Friday as though he wants those photos to stay there. Casey holed a 30-foot eagle putt on the 599-yard fifth hole and made short birdie putts on the other three par 5s on his way to a 5-under 66, giving him a share of the lead with Austin Cook in the Valspar Championship.

No one has ever won back-to-back at the Valspar Championship since it became a PGA Tour event in 2000.

"I've never defended a professional event. I would love to do that," Casey said. "Mentally last year I was hoping I would win, wanting to win. This year, knowing that I have won around here, I have a slightly different approach to it, and I played today quite aggressively and tried to take advantage of the golf course that I knew was going to get very, very tough this afternoon."

Casey and Cook, who shot a 67, were at 6-under 136. Luke Donald holed a bunker shot for birdie on the par-5 fifth to briefly take the lead, only to miss a 4-foot par putt on the next hole and drop another shot on the par-3 eighth. He shot 70 and was one behind, along with Scott Stallings (68) and Sungjae Im (67).

Dustin Johnson overcame a rough patch early in his round with five birdies on the front nine to salvage a 69.

Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world, was two shots behind on a Copperhead course he hasn't seen in nine years.

Also at 4-under 138 was Curtis Luck, the former U.S. Amateur champion and last man in the field when Kevin Na withdrew 30 minutes before his tee time. Luck had never seen Innisbrook until his opening tee shot. "It does show you what a good job they do with the yardage books," Luck said.

The course is so demanding, and typically tougher in the afternoon, that the tournament is wide open. The cut was at 1-over 143, and the seven-shot differ-

ence from top to bottom is the smallest since the Wells Fargo Championship at Eagle Point in 2017.

Among those very much in the mix is Jon Rahm, three shots behind, who is making his Innisbrook debut.

Casey last year ended eight years without winning on the PGA Tour when he closed with a 65 and had to wait to see if Tiger Woods and Patrick Reed could catch him. It was the centerpiece of a resurgence for Casey, a 41-year-old from England who is back among the top 15 in the world.

He opened in the morning calm with a 10-foot birdie putt and did the rest of his damage on the par 5s. The eagle putt followed a blind shot over a hill on the longest hole at Innisbrook. He went bunker-to-bunker on his final hole at No. 9 and made bogey to slip into a tie with Cook.

"Everybody is going to make bogeys. If you can just minimize those, it puts you in a good position," Casey said.

He spent the opening two rounds with Johnson, who had to maximize his birdies after his start. Johnson

thought he might have had too much club on the par-3 13th and was stunned to learn that it had come up short enough to catch the slope and roll down toward the water, leading to double bogey.

On the next hole, a par 5 where he had to lay up from the rough, Johnson had a 104-yard wedge for his third shot that traveled only about 50 yards. There was a reason for that.

"As soon as he hit it, he said, 'Just don't go in a divot,'" said Austin Johnson, his brother and caddie. It found a divot.

"It was big," Johnson said, holding his hands about a foot apart, which might have been a slight exaggeration. "I mean, it was long. It was deep. It wasn't ... I don't think it was from a professional."

He managed to get that up-and-down by making a 5-footer to avoid losing another shot. Johnson started the front nine with four birdies in five holes, including one birdie putt from 35 feet on No. 3, and is back in the game.

Gary Woodland also played with them and three-putted from 7 feet for

double bogey on his last hole for a 71 and missed the cut by two shots. Woodland had the longest active cut streak on the PGA Tour at 22, last going home on the weekend at The Players Championship last May.

On the other side of the course was 17-year-old Akshay Bhatia in his PGA Tour debut. Playing on a sponsor exemption, he was at 3 under for the day and even par for the tournament through eight holes until a muffed chip and a missed putt led to double bogey at No. 9 that killed his momentum.

Bhatia bogeyed his last two holes for a 72 and finished at 4-over 146 to miss the cut. He plans to turn pro later this year after the Walker Cup if he makes the team. The cheers he heard in some corners of Innisbrook were inspiring, especially behind the 12th green, where the rowdy fans chanted his first name to make it sound like the "Ole" cheer at the Ryder Cup.

"It was sick. That was dope," Bhatia said, adding that he hopes he can hear that at the Ryder Cup "in five, six years down the road." □

# PGA Tour suspends Robert Garrigus for failed drug test

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP)** — Robert Garrigus became the first PGA Tour player suspended for a drug of abuse, saying on Twitter that he had a relapse with marijuana.

The tour announced Friday that the 41-year-old Garrigus, whose only PGA Tour victory was at Disney at the end of the 2010 season, has been suspended for three months under the conduct policy that applies to substances of abuse.

While marijuana is legal in some states, it is on the banned substance list under the PGA Tour's anti-doping policy.

Garrigus has spoken openly about his history of addictions, which began before he reached the PGA Tour.



In this March 15, 2014, file photo, Robert Garrigus looks at his golf ball during the third round of the Valspar Championship golf tournament at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Associated Press

He checked himself into a 30-day program at Calvary Ranch near San Diego in

2003 and said, "I spent 30 days to change the rest of my life."

He made it to the PGA Tour in 2006 and had his most consistent year in 2012, when he had four runner-up finishes, made it to the Tour Championship for the only time and cracked the top 40 in the world ranking by the end of the year.

In his Twitter message, Garrigus apologized to his family, fans and sponsors and said he hopes he can make it up to them.

"After a long period of sobriety, I had a relapse and subsequently failed a drug test for marijuana," Garrigus said.

He says he pointed out that marijuana is legal in many states not to make an excuse, but as a warning.

"Legal doesn't mean it isn't addictive and legal doesn't mean there aren't potentially severe conse-

quences if you use it," he said.

"I will use this time away from golf to be with my family and work on regaining my sobriety.

It doesn't matter if you are one day, one week or nine years clean; one misstep, one lapse in judgment can impact your life in monumental fashion.

"I hope this new chapter in my life will now show people to never relax in their battle with addiction."

Garrigus, who is married with two sons, finished 131st in the FedEx Cup last year and was playing this year on conditional status. He has played four times this year, missing the cut in three of them and tying for 64th in the Genesis Open. He last played a month ago in the Puerto Rico Open. □

# Review of penalty calls on table when NFL owners meet



In this Jan. 20, 2019, file photo, Los Angeles Rams' Nickell Robey-Coleman breaks up a pass intended for New Orleans Saints' Tommylee Lewis during the second half of the NFL football NFC championship game in New Orleans.

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

Reviewing penalty calls, including pass interference, will be among proposals NFL owners will hear to expand replay when they meet next week in Phoenix. Greater use of replay has become a scorching topic since the NFC championship game, when a non-call on a blatant pass interference and helmet-to-helmet hit by Rams defensive back Nickell Robey-Coleman likely cost the Saints a Super Bowl trip. That type of non-call would not be subject to review under the league's competition committee's proposal, however. The committee will present one proposal to make reviewable pass interference that has been called, plus looking at all scoring plays and turnovers negated by penalty. In a second recommendation, pass interference and fouls for roughing the passer and unnecessary contact against a defenseless player would be reviewable as long as they are flagged. Both would be one-year trials.

But members of the powerful competition committee that reviews the rulebook each year don't sense strong support for a major expansion of replay.

"They are always sharply

divided, people have very strong views on replay," Rich McKay, president of the Atlanta Falcons and co-chairman of the competition committee, said Friday. "We wanted to get proposals that we worked on a lot based on data and based on a system we could be comfortable around. We know how tough replay is to get 24 votes for a league that from 1992-98 didn't have replay."

For any rule change, three-quarters of NFL teams must vote yes.

"We welcome the discussion, and we feel like this is a good way to expand it," McKay added. "We have data that shows these are the most impactful plays, and the ones we can change."

Several teams also made replay proposals, including one by Kansas City that would address what happened in the Rams-Saints title game. The Chiefs are proposing potential personal fouls not called on the field be reviewed after a coach's challenge. Robey-Coleman's helmet hit would have fallen in that category.

Washington suggested making all plays challengeable by coaches or reviewable by the officiating department in New York. The

Redskins also want to add reviews of personal fouls. So those alterations also would apply to the Rams-Saints play.

Philadelphia suggested adding scoring plays and turnovers negated by a foul as subject to automatic review, no challenge needed. Denver proposed all fourth-down plays that are spotted short of the first-down marker be subject to automatic review, and also all extra-point attempts.

The Panthers, Rams, Eagles and Seahawks want to add review of designated player safety-related fouls whether called or not called on the field to what coaches can challenge. This also could be applied to the Robey-Coleman hit. NFL operations chief Troy Vincent, a star defensive back when he played, said the committee met with everyone involved in such calls: players, coaches, officials, team owners, administrators.

"Officials have to live this out in real time," Vincent explained. "This was about working to keep a system in place from a mechanical administration standpoint on game day, and the flow (of the game). The officials felt just expanding the current replay process, what is reviewable, that this is the best start for possible solu-

tions on some of the issues." Proposals also on the agenda for owners to consider beginning Monday:

—Amending the overtime structure so that both teams get a possession even if the first series ends in a touchdown. Currently, a TD on the opening possession ends the game.

Also, the Chiefs — who lost to New England in OT in the AFC title game without

getting a possession — suggest that the team winning the coin toss to start the game get the choice for overtime, and an elimination of the extra period in the preseason.

—Allowing teams to elect to enforce on an extra point or on the succeeding kickoff an opponent's personal or unsportsmanlike conduct foul committed during a touchdown. □

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# Subban records 1st NHL shutout, Golden Knights beat Jets 5-0

By The Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Malcolm Subban stopped 20 shots for his first NHL shutout, William Karlsson and Reilly Smith each scored twice, and the Vegas Golden Knights beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-0 on Thursday night.

Tomas Nosek also scored for Vegas, which is 10-1 since losing to Winnipeg 6-3 in its final game before acquiring Mark Stone at the trade deadline.

Subban, whose shutout came in his 35th career start, has won two straight and seven of his last nine starts. He's also nearly unbeatable at T-Mobile Arena with a 13-1-0 record in two seasons.

Winnipeg dropped to 5-3-0 in the second game of back-to-backs this season.

Laurent Brossoit started in net for the Jets, but was pulled after allowing three goals. Connor Hellebuyck, who entered with 14 minutes left in the second period, allowed two goals and made 18 saves.

**LIGHTNING 6, HURRICANES 3**

**RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)** — Ryan Callahan scored the tie-breaking goal midway through the third period, and the Tampa Bay picked up its seventh straight win.

Steven Stamkos had a goal and two assists and Tyler Johnson, Anthony Cirelli, Brayden Point and Ryan McDonagh all scored for the Lightning, who scored four unanswered goals in the third period to erase a 3-2 deficit.

Victor Hedman had three assists and Louis Domingue stopped 25 of 28 shots for his 13th win in his past 14 starts. Lightning forward Nikita Kucherov became the first player to reach 120 points in a season since 2006-07 with his assist on Johnson's first-period goal. Nino Niederreiter, Dougie Hamilton and Jordan Staal scored for the Hurricanes. Curtis McElhinney made 26 saves.

**CANADIENS 4, ISLANDERS 0 MONTREAL (AP)** — Carey Price stopped 27 shots for his fourth shutout of the season and Montreal beat New York to remain in the



**Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Malcolm Subban blocks shot by the Winnipeg Jets during the first period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Las Vegas.**

hunt for an Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Joel Armia, Shea Weber, Jonathan Drouin and Jordan Weal also scored for the Canadiens (39-28-7), who won their second straight after dropping two in a row.

Thomas Greiss gave up four goals on 22 shots for the Islanders (42-25-7) before being pulled in the second period. Robin Lehner made 12 saves in relief.

**KINGS 4, SHARKS 2**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Anze Kopitar had a goal and an assist, Matt Roy scored his first career goal and Los Angeles Kings used a three-goal third period to top San Jose.

Dustin Brown and Jeff Carter also scored for Los Angeles, which snapped a five-game skid at home. Jonathan Quick made 23 saves. Barclay Goodrow and Tomas Hertl scored, and Martin Jones made 31 saves for the Sharks, who trail Calgary by five points for the Pacific Division lead and the best record in the Western Conference.

**FLYERS 3, BLACKHAWKS 1, SO**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Carter Hart made 40 saves and James van Riemsdyk snapped a tie in the third period, helping Philadelphia beat Chicago.

Corban Knight also scored and Sean Couturier added

an empty-net goal as Philadelphia picked up a sorely needed victory after dropping three of four.

Erik Gustafsson scored, and Corey Crawford made 25 stops for Chicago (32-31-10), which missed out on a chance to gain ground in the race for the second wild card out West.

**AVALANCHE 3, STARS 1**

**DALLAS (AP)** — Philipp Grubauer made a season-high 44 saves, including 23 in the third period, defensemen Erik Johnson and Tyson Barrie scored and Colorado beat Dallas to make the Western Conference playoff race even tighter.

Grubauer has allowed only two goals while facing 104 shots and carrying Colorado on a three-game winning streak.

Carl Soderberg added an empty-net goal with 49 seconds left for the final margin, helping the Avalanche leapfrog idle Minnesota for eighth place in the conference standings.

Tyler Seguin scored the lone goal for Dallas with 5:01 to play. Goalie Ben Bishop's personal winning streak ended at six games.

**BRUINS 5, DEVILS 1**

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Patrice Bergeron scored twice and reached the 30-goal mark for the fifth time and streaking Boston beat injury-ravaged New Jersey to open a six-point lead over

Toronto in the race for second place in the Atlantic Division.

David Pastrnak, Danton Heinen and David Backes also scored for the Bruins, who are 16-3-1 in their last 20 games. Tuukka Rask made 22 saves to improve to 18-2-3 in his last 23 games.

Drew Stafford scored for the Devils, ending a 34-game goal-scoring drought. Cory Schneider made 22 saves as New Jersey lost for the ninth time in 12 games (2-9-1).

**PANTHERS 4, COYOTES 2**

**SUNRISE, Fla. (AP)** — Aleksander Barkov scored two goals and Jonathan Huberdeau had three assists as Florida won for the first time in three games.

Mike Hoffman and Mackenzie Weegar also scored goals for the Panthers. Roberto Luongo made 32 saves and broke a five-game losing streak. Evgenii Dadonov added two assists.

Brad Richardson and Michael Grabner scored for the Coyotes, who lost their third straight. Darcy Kuemper stopped 18 shots.

**BLUES 5, RED WINGS 2**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Ivan Barbashev recorded his first career NHL hat trick to lead St. Louis past Detroit.

Oskar Sundqvist and Pat Maroon also scored for the Blues, who have earned

points in their last four games. Rookie Jordan Binnington made 20 saves, improving to 19-4-1.

Thomas Vanek scored twice and Jonathan Bernier made 19 saves for the Red Wings, who had their two-game winning streak snapped.

**PENGUINS 2, PREDATORS 1, SO**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Sidney Crosby's goal in the shootout gave Pittsburgh a win over Nashville and ended the Penguins' three-game losing streak.

Bryan Rust scored in regulation for the Penguins, who moved into a second-place tie with the New York Islanders in the Metropolitan Division with 91 points each. Matt Murray made 27 saves.

Ryan Ellis scored for Nashville, which had its three-game winning streak snapped. Pekka Rinne made 31 saves in the loss as Nashville remained three points behind first-place Winnipeg in the Central Division.

**FLAMES 5, SENATORS 1**

**CALGARY, Alberta (AP)** — Andrew Mangiapane, Garnet Hathaway and Matthew Tkachuk each had a goal and an assist as Calgary topped Ottawa in a game that matched the top team in the West against the team with the worst record in the East.

Mark Giordano scored Calgary's league-leading 18th short-handed goal and Mikael Backlund also scored for the Flames. Derek Ryan assisted on two goals. Mike Smith made 18 saves.

Dylan DeMelo scored for the Senators (25-43-6). Craig Anderson stopped 31 shots.

**OILERS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1**

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — Connor McDavid had a goal and an assist, Leon Draisaitl had three assists as Edmonton snapped a two-game skid with a win over Columbus.

Kyle Brodziak, Zack Kassian and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins also scored for Edmonton. David Savard had the only goal for the Blue Jackets, who have lost three in a row. □

# Nuggets beat Wizards 113-108 for fifth straight victory

**By The Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nikola Jokic had 15 points and 11 assists, and the Denver Nuggets beat the fading Washington Wizards 113-108 on Thursday night for their fifth straight victory. Paul Millsap, Gary Harris, Jamal Murray and Torrey Craig also added 15 points for the Nuggets, who were playing for the first time since clinching their first playoff berth in six years with Monday's win in Boston. Eight players reached double figures for Denver, which is a half-game behind Western Conference leader Golden State. The Warriors played later Thursday. Bradley Beal scored 25 points and Tomas Satoransky had 16 points and 10 assists for Washington, which lost its third straight.

**WARRIORS 112, PACERS 89 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Kevin Durant had 15 points, six assists and three blocked shots after losing a close friend earlier in the day, and Golden State ran away from Indiana. Durant led a balanced Warriors attack, playing the same day childhood friend Cliff Dixon was shot to death in Atlanta. Warriors guard Quinn Cook also was close with Dixon as they're

all from the Washington D.C./Maryland area. Stephen Curry scored 12 of his 15 points with four 3-pointers during the Warriors' 35-point third quarter in which they held Indiana to 19. Tyreke Evans scored 20 points off the bench and Thaddeus Young added 18 points for the Pacers. **HAWKS 117, JAZZ 114 ATLANTA (AP)** — Trae Young scored 23 points, including a go-ahead three-point play, and Atlanta ended Utah's five-game winning streak. Donovan Mitchell led the Jazz with 34 points. It was a costly loss. The Jazz entered the game fifth in the Western Conference but only a half-game ahead of a pack of three teams tied for sixth.

**PISTONS 118, SUNS 98 PHOENIX (AP)** — Wayne Ellington scored 23 points and Detroit made 17 3-pointers in a victory over Phoenix. Andre Drummond finished with 16 points and 19 rebounds. Blake Griffin, who was rested for Detroit's loss at Cleveland on Monday, returned and struggled with his shot, going just 4 of 17. But he finished with 17 points, eight rebounds and



Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic (15) passes the ball as Washington Wizards guard Tomas Satoransky defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Washington. The Nuggets won 113-108.

seven assists. Devin Booker scored 20 of his 26 points in the first half for the Suns, who have lost four of five. Deandre Ayton added 20 points. **TIMBERWOLVES 113, HORNETS 106 CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — Kemba Walker scored 31 points, rookie Miles Bridges had 11 points and 12 rebounds for his first career double-double on his 21st birthday, and Charlotte

handed Minnesota its fifth straight loss. Jeremy Lamb added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, who won for only the fifth time in their last 16 games. Karl-Anthony Towns led Minnesota with 21 points and 16 rebounds. **KINGS 116, MAVERICKS 100 SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — Marvin Bagley III had 22 points and 12 rebounds in his first game against fellow

rookie star Luka Doncic, and Sacramento beat Dallas. Buddy Hield scored 11 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, and De'Aaron Fox added 15 points and nine assists for Sacramento. Willie Cauley-Stein had 10 points and 18 rebounds. Former Kings forward Justin Jackson scored 19 points in his first start with Dallas. Dwight Powell added 14 points. □

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# AP source: Cards, Goldschmidt completing \$130M, 5-year deal

**By DAVE SKRETTA**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
The St. Louis Cardinals knew that Paul Goldschmidt had one year left on his contract when they acquired the slugging first baseman in an offseason trade with the Arizona Diamondbacks. They also made no secret of their desire to sign him to a long-term deal. Now, the Cardinals and the 31-year-old Goldschmidt are nearing completion of a \$130 million, five-year agreement through the 2024 season that would make him the highest paid player in club history, a person familiar with the terms told The Associated Press on Friday. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because Goldschmidt still must pass



St. Louis Cardinals' Paul Goldschmidt, center, hits a double in the third inning during an exhibition spring training baseball game against the Washington Nationals on Monday, March 11, 2019, in Jupiter, Fla.

a physical, which is mostly a formality. It is expected to take place later Friday, with an announcement likely Saturday. The Athletic was first to report that a deal was im-

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minent. "Goldschmidt has that residual value that is measurable and maybe not measurable," Cardinals manager Mike Shildt said. "His impact on other guys in the clubhouse. Obviously,

he's a good player on the field. He's an established guy in the league. We know what we can count on with him. "The offense will be there. He lengthens our lineup," Shildt added, "but what I appreciate about the (trade for him) is the defense that we can expect to get from Paul as well. He's also got a passion for base running, which is fantastic. He appreciates the nuances of the game. His impact will be real in what we can expect. He's just a standup guy." Goldschmidt is due \$14.5 million this season, while his new agreement trumps a \$120 million, seven-year deal that the Cardinals gave outfielder Matt Holliday in 2010. It also follows huge free-agent deals giv-

en to Bryce Harper by the Phillies and Manny Machado by the Padres, and the 12-year, \$426.5 million contract that the Angels gave to Mike Trout on Wednesday. Cardinals president John Mozeliak acknowledged to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that "we are working toward something," but officials otherwise declined to comment on Goldschmidt's contract. Goldschmidt has been an All-Star each of the past six seasons, and he rebounded from a slow start with the Diamondbacks last year to hit .290 with 33 homers and 83 RBIs. It was his fourth year with at least 33 homers, and he has a career .297 batting average and four Silver Slugger awards. □

## Top-ranked Sung Hyun Park, Yu Liu tied for Founders Cup lead

By **JOHN NICHOLSON**  
AP Sports Writer

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Sung Hyun Park isn't a big fan of birdie-fest golf. She's still awfully good at it.

"Personally, I like the difficult course better than the easy course," Park said through a translator.

The top-ranked Park shot her second straight 6-under 66 on Friday at the Founders Cup for a share of the lead with Yu Liu in the event that honors the 13 women who founded the LPGA Tour.

Coming off a victory three weeks ago in Singapore, Park birdied five of the first six holes on her final nine in perfect conditions at Desert Ridge. She lost the outright lead with a closing bogey on the par-4 ninth.

"Overall, I'm really happy with the play today, especially putting was really good," Park said. "The shots were better than yesterday." The 25-year-old South Korean has six victories in her first three years on the tour, winning majors in far more testing conditions at the 2017 U.S. Women's Open and 2018 Women's PGA Championship.

Liu had 10 birdies in a 64 to match Park at 12-under 132.

"I don't expect this to happen every day," Liu said. "When a day like this comes, I just am glad I was able to take advantage of it." The 23-year-old Chinese player teed off at 7 a.m. in the first group off the 10th tee.

"Definitely being the first off, the greatest advantage is pure greens and calm conditions," Liu said. Former Arizona State player Linnea Strom lost a share of the lead with a closing double bogey. With Arizona State's players and coaching staff following her, she pulled her approach from the middle of the 18th fairway into a plugged lie in the face of the left bunker. The Swedish rookie took two shots to get out of the bunker, with

the second racing through the green and almost into the exit tunnel under the grandstand. She got up-and-down from there for a 65.

"A bit unlucky on the last hole, but overall very happy with my round," said Strom, a member of the Sun Devils' 2017 NCAA championship team. "It was so much fun to play out there with my whole team supporting. This is like home for me to be here."

Lydia Ko (67) also was 10 under with first-round leader Celine Boutier (70), Amy Yang (66), Mi Jung Hur (66), Angel Yin (67), Nanna Koerstz Madsen (69) and Monday qualifier Cheyenne Knight (68).

"Obviously, the golf course is known to have some low scores," Ko said. "You just have to go out there, try to play your game, and maybe play a little bit more aggressive than any other golf course."

Boutier eagled the par-5 15th — holing out from a greenside bunker after hitting a drive that bounced off a cart path and went 340 yards — to tie Park for the lead at 13 under, but dropped three strokes on the final three holes. The 5-foot Frenchwoman, the Vic Open winner last month in Australia for her first LPGA Tour title, bogeyed the par-4 16th and had a double bogey on the par-4 18th.

"I don't feel great right now," Boutier said. "Just not a good finish."

Boutier teamed with Liu to help Duke win the 2014 NCAA title.

"She's one of my closest friends out here," Boutier said. "We played on the Symetra Tour two years ago together, we graduated together and then last year we had a pretty good rookie year on the LPGA Tour together."

Defending champion Inbee Park topped the group at 9 under with Women's Australian Open champion Nelly Korda (67) and Brooke Henderson (68). □



**Serena Williams reacts as a ball hit by Rebecca Peterson, of Sweden, is out of bounds during the Miami Open tennis tournament, Friday, March 22, 2019, in Miami Gardens, Fla.**

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## Serena, Osaka win opening matches in Miami

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That was Williams' farewell to Key Biscayne, where she won eight titles. Only Martina Navratilova and Steffi Graf have won any women's tournament more times.

Six-time men's champion Novak Djokovic won his opening match under the lights, beating Bernard Tomic 7-6 (2), 6-2.

With the Miami Open's move to the Dolphins' stadium complex, players are adjusting to the unfamiliar setting. The No. 1-ranked Osaka beat qualifier Yarina Wickmayer 6-0, 6-7 (3), 6-1, but she and Williams both found the mix of sun and shadows in the cavernous stadium a challenge.

"It was interesting," Williams said. "First it was dark out there, which was really odd. The shadows were so intense it was dark, and then ... there was light."

She chuckled and said, "Whatever. I need to focus on playing better or not being in the tournament much longer."

Osaka agreed that any issues with visibility weren't worth complaining about. She hit 14 aces and overcame a ragged stretch in the second set, when she

became so frustrated she threw her racket.

"I had a bit of a dip," Osaka said. "It was really hard for me, I think, emotionally in the second set, because I just started thinking about winning, not exactly the things I could do in order to win."

Williams' match followed a similar pattern, but she regrouped after a flurry of errors in the second set.

"I said, 'Serena, you can play a lot better than that,'" she said.

While the outer courts were crowded on a mild, cloudless afternoon, there were only a few thousand spectators for Williams' match in the 13,800-seat stadium, with temporary stands on three sides and a net replacing the 50-yard line.

"It was a different court, but it was a beautiful court," said Williams, who happens to own a small share of the Dolphins. "It's so different from anything I've played on in my entire career, so I was super excited."

The mood was mostly subdued, although when Williams whacked a backhand winner with a grunt that echoed in the upper deck, the fans added their own roar to hers.

The match victory was the 76th for Williams in the tournament, but she hasn't

won a Miami Open title since 2015. She hasn't won any tournament since the 2017 Australian Open, before she took a break of more than a year to become a mom.

The match was her first since she retired at Indian Wells two weeks ago because of a viral illness.

On the men's side, defending champion John Isner hit 20 aces, lost only 11 points on his serve and beat qualifier Lorenzo Sonego 7-6 (2), 7-6 (7). No. 3-seeded Dominic Thiem, coming off the biggest title of his career Sunday at Indian Wells, lost his opening match to Hubert Hurkacz 6-4, 6-4.

No. 5 Kei Nishikori was upset by Dusan Lajovic 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. Lajovic improved to 3-14 against top-10 players. In other women's play, Canadian 18-year-old Bianca Andreescu, who overcame a match point to win her opening match, reached the third round by beating No. 32 Sofia Kenin 6-3, 6-3. Andreescu won her first career title last week at Indian Wells.

Defending Miami Open champion Sloane Stephens beat Ons Jabeur 6-2, 6-3. Three-time champion Venus Williams overcame a wobbly start to beat No. 24 Carla Suarez Navarro 7-6 (4), 6-1. □

## Berhalter starts 3-0 as U.S. beats Ecuador 1-0 on fluke goal

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) —

Gregg Berhalter's vision for the U.S. national team started to unfold as the Americans passed the ball from side to side, played diagonal balls long and short. Possession is his key to success.

The style was more pleasing. But the only goal of night was pretty weird.

Gyasi Zardes's shot from about 25 yards deflected off a defender, looped over a 6-foot-5 goalkeeper and ricocheted in off the crossbar in the 81st minute, giving the U.S. a 1-0 exhibition win over Ecuador on Thursday night. That made Berhalter only the second American coach to win his first three games, the first since Bob Bradley in 2007.

Failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup was followed by a year of debuts and drift under interim coach Dave Sarachan. Players are starting to envision the future of this year's CONCACAF Gold Cup and the start of World Cup qualifying in 2020.

"He's going to be the coach for a while. He wants to really implement a system, and he wants all the guys that come into



A kick by United States forward Gyasi Zardes (9) gets past Ecuador goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez (22) for a score during the second half of an international friendly soccer match Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Orlando, Fla.

camp to really understand it," star midfielder Christian Pulisic said. "It's for the bigger picture, and we have big things that he's working towards."

Pulisic, Weston McKennie and Tyler Adams, a trio of 20-year-olds who have become regulars in the German Bundesliga, started together for the first time with the national team. McKennie limped off after twisting his left ankle in the 63rd

minute when he jumped to head a bouncing ball, Ecuador's Carlos Gruezo failed to leap and McKennie tumbled over him and landed awkwardly. After a few minutes down, he hobbled to the corner flag with assistance, grimacing, and then needed a stretcher to come off the field.

McKennie was to have an X-ray and MRI.

"We believe it's a sprained ankle," Berhalter said. "We

hope that it's not as severe as it could be."

While the U.S. showed some of the fluidity and offensive spark Berhalter sought, outshooting Ecuador 5-1 and finishing with a 6-1 advantage in corner kicks, the Americans were exposed for defensive gaps that stronger opponents would exploit. South American champion Chile figures to provide a more difficulty on Tuesday in Houston.

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"I told the guys these two games will be the most challenging games we'll have together as a group because of the lack of time," Berhalter said. "If we're positioned well enough, like we were for most of the game, I think we'll be OK."

Paul Arriola had two excellent chances, getting stopped by goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez in the 26th minute and then putting the ball in the net in the 30th only for Jordan Morris to get ruled offside during the buildup. The U.S. scored after 31-year-old defender Tim Ream, playing his first international match since September 2017 and captaining the U.S. for the first time, intercepted Gabriel Archiller's clearance attempt at midfield and played the ball to Zardes.

Zardes dribbled toward goal and from near the arc took a shot that bounded off Robert Arboleda. Dominguez, standing about 6 yards off his line, backpedaled slowly and was unable to tip the ball over the crossbar. Zardes' seventh international goal was his first since he scored against Ecuador in the 2016 Copa America quarterfinals. □

## Semenya 'optimistic' of victory in appeal against IAAF rules

By GERALD IMRAY

AP Sports Writer

Caster Semenya is "optimistic" of victory in her appeal against IAAF rules designed to control naturally high levels of testosterone in female athletes, the two-time Olympic 800-metre champion's lawyers said Friday.

The rules proposed by track and field's governing body, which haven't yet come into effect, would require female athletes with naturally high levels of testosterone to lower those levels either by medication or surgery in order to be eligible to compete at top track meets. The regulations would apply to distances ranging from 400 meters to one mile.

South African Semenya



In this Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 file photo, Caster Semenya of South Africa celebrates winning the women's 800m at the IAAF track and field Continental Cup in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

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is also a three-time world champion. She's the most famous of a number of female athletes who have high levels of naturally occurring testosterone. The IAAF argues that gives

them an unfair advantage over other female athletes. Semenya has challenged the IAAF's proposed rules at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. "Caster Semenya remains optimistic the CAS

will declare the IAAF's regulations unlawful, invalid and of no effect," her lawyers said in a statement. "This outcome would prevent women athletes from ever having to undergo medical interventions in an attempt to comply with these regulations." The statement came a day after the CAS, sport's highest court, said a decision in the pivotal case would be delayed until the end of April to allow for more legal debate.

The delay, which is down to extra evidence being submitted by both sides, raised a possible complication for Semenya and other athletes with what the IAAF refers to as "differences of sexual development."

The proposed testosterone

regulations require athletes to suppress their high levels for at least six months prior to competing at world-class events like the Diamond League, world championships or the Olympics. But the CAS decision will now come five months before this year's world championships in Doha, Qatar.

The IAAF said if it wins the CAS case, and its regulations are upheld, Semenya and other affected athletes would be given a "special transition provision" to comply with the new testosterone limits. They will have one week from the date the CAS decision is released to comply, the IAAF said, and if they do they will be eligible to compete at the worlds. □

# Europe fines Google \$1.7 billion in antitrust case

By **KELVIN CHAN** and **RAF CASERT**

**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Europe's antitrust regulators slapped Google with a big fine Wednesday for the third time in less than two years, ordering the tech giant to pay 1.49 billion euros (\$1.7 billion) for freezing out rivals in the online advertising business.

The ruling brings to nearly \$10 billion the fines imposed against Google by the European Union. And it comes at a time when big tech companies around the world are facing increasing regulatory pressure and fierce political attacks over privacy violations, online misinformation, hate speech and other abuses.

Still, the latest penalty isn't likely to have much effect on Google's business. It involves practices the company says it already ended, and the sum is just a fraction of the \$31 billion in profit that its parent, Alphabet, made last year.

Alphabet stock rose 2 percent on Wall Street on Wednesday.

The EU ruling applies to a narrow portion of Google's ad business: when Google sells ads next to Google search results on third-party websites.

Investigators found that



**European Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager speaks during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels, Wednesday, March 20, 2019.**

Google inserted exclusivity clauses in its contracts that barred these websites from running similarly placed ads sold by Google's rivals. As a result, advertisers and website owners "had less choice and likely faced higher prices that would be passed on to consumers," said the EU's competition commissioner, Margrethe Vestager.

Anyone who suffered from Google's behavior can seek compensation through national courts, she said.

EU regulators opened their investigation in 2016 —

seven years after Microsoft filed a complaint — though by that time, Google had already made some changes to give customers more freedom to show competing ads. For that reason, regulators did not require a specific remedy to restore competition.

But Vestager said it appeared rivals haven't been able to catch up, and some are "quite small." By contrast, the EU said, Google has more than 70 percent of the European market for selling ads that run alongside search results on third-party websites.

Google did not say whether it would appeal.

"We've already made a wide range of changes to our products to address the commission's concerns," Google's senior vice president of global affairs, Kent Walker, said in a statement. "Over the next few months, we'll be making further updates to give more visibility to rivals in Europe."

E-marketing analyst Bill Fisher noted a "growing wave of sentiment" toward curbing the influence of Big Tech and said that even if the EU's rulings apply only to Google's Euro-

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pean operations, Google should "begin to open up, become more transparent and possibly look to alter some of its business practices" worldwide.

Earlier this month, a British expert panel recommended the government curb the dominance of giants like Facebook, Amazon and Google. In the U.S., Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren has proposed breaking up the biggest American tech companies, accusing them of wielding too much power.

This week, as part of a settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union and other activists, Facebook agreed to overhaul its ad-targeting systems to prevent discrimination in housing, credit and employment ads.

The EU has led the way in promoting tougher regulation of big tech companies. Besides cracking down on antitrust breaches by Microsoft and Intel, it has enforced stricter data privacy rules that affect Facebook and other social media companies.

U.S. regulators haven't been as tough, though the Federal Trade Commission recently created a task force focused on anti-competitive behavior in the industry. □



**In this Oct. 11, 2018, file photo, Evan Sharp, Pinterest co-founder and chief product officer, poses for a photo, standing beside a wall of pegs symbolizing the company logo at Pinterest headquarters in San Francisco.**

BY **RACHEL LERMAN** and **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

**AP Technology Writers**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Pinterest is pinning its future

on Wall Street, with the digital scrapbooking site on Friday filing for an initial public offering of stock.

It follows a similar filing with

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## Digital scrapbooking site Pinterest files for IPO

securities regulators earlier this month by ride-hailing company Lyft in what is shaping up to be a busy season for technology IPOs. Also expected to sell stock to the public in the coming weeks: Lyft rival Uber and messaging app Slack.

Pinterest said in its filing that it intends to list itself on the New York Stock Exchange using the ticker symbol "PINS." The company hasn't yet said how many shares it's selling in the IPO or how much money it intends to raise.

The San Francisco-based company had revenue of

\$756 million last year, a 60 percent bump from 2017. It had a loss of \$63 million last year, compared to a loss of \$130 million in 2017.

Pinterest allows people to search for and "pin" images as inspiration for fashion, interior design, travel and more.

The company said it has more than 250 million users each month, and users have saved more than 175 billion pins since the site was launched.

Pinterest has raised nearly \$1.5 billion in the private markets, and was last valued at \$12.3 billion in 2017,

according to PitchBook Data.

Pinterest has long shunned being labeled a social network. Because of that, it doesn't push users to add friends or build connections. It also means it's been able to avoid problems of its larger rivals like Facebook.

But despite the lack of friend networks, many advertisers likely still consider Pinterest to be part of their "social" budgets, said eMarketer analyst Andrew Lipsman, meaning it competes in part with Facebook, Snapchat and others. □



# Oregon Blockbuster outlasts others to become last on Earth

By **GILLIAN FLACCUS**  
Associated Press

**BEND, Ore. (AP)** — There are challenges that come with running the last Blockbuster Video on the planet. The computer system must be rebooted using floppy disks that only the general manager — a solid member of Gen X — knows how to use. The dot-matrix printer broke, so employees write out membership cards by hand. And the store's business transactions are backed up on a reel-to-reel tape that can't be replaced because Radio Shack went out of business.

Yet none of that has kept this humble franchise in an Oregon strip mall from thriving as the advent of on-demand movie streaming laid waste all around it. When a Blockbuster in Australia shuts its doors for the last time on March 31, the Bend store will be the only one left on Earth.

"It's pure stubbornness, for one. We didn't want to give in," said general manager Sandi Harding, who has worked at the franchise for 15 years and receives a lot of the credit for keeping it alive well past its expiration date.

"We did everything we could to cut costs and keep ourselves relevant."

The store was once one of five Blockbusters owned by the same couple, Ken and Debbie Tisher, in three central Oregon towns. But by last year, the Bend franchise was the last local Blockbuster standing.

A tight budget meant no money to update the surviving store. That's paying off now with a nostalgia factor that stops first-time visitors of a certain age in their tracks: the popcorn ceilings, low fluorescent lighting, wire metal video racks and the ubiquitous yellow-and-blue ticket stub logo that was a cultural touchstone for a generation.

"Most people, I think, when they think about renting videos — if they're the right age — they don't remember the movie that they went to pick, but they re-



Local documentary filmmakers Taylor Morden, left, and Zeke Kamm, pose at the last Blockbuster on the planet in Bend, Ore., on Monday, March 11, 2019.

member who they went with and that freedom of walking the aisles," said Zeke Kamm, a local resident who is making a documentary about the store called "The Last Blockbuster" with a friend.

"In a lot of towns, the Blockbuster was the only place that was open past nine o'clock, and a lot of them stayed open until midnight, so kids who weren't hoodlums would come here and look at movies and fall in love with movies."

The Bend store had eight years under its belt as a local video store before it converted to a Blockbuster in 2000, a time when this high desert city was still a sleepy community with a small-town feel to match.

Customers kept coming back, drawn by special touches like staff recommendations, a "wish list" for videos to add to the rental selection and even home delivery for a few special customers who couldn't drive in. Dozens of local teens have worked there over the years.

Then, in 2010, Blockbuster declared bankruptcy, and by 2014, all corporate-owned stores had shuttered. That left locally owned franchises to fend for themselves, and one by one, they closed.

When stores in Anchorage

and Fairbanks, Alaska, shut down last summer — barely outlasting a Redmond,

Oregon, store — Bend's Blockbuster was the only U.S. location left.

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Tourists started stopping by to snap selfies, and business picked up. Harding ordered up blue-and-yellow sweat shirts, T-shirts, cups, magnets, bumper stickers, hats and stocking caps from local vendors emblazoned with the words "The Last Blockbuster in America," and they flew off the shelves.

Then, this month, she got a phone call: The world's only other Blockbuster, in Perth, Australia, would soon close its doors.

A new T-shirt order went out — this time with the slogan "The Last Blockbuster on the Planet" — and the store is already getting a new wave of selfie-snapping visitors from as far away as Europe and Asia.

On a recent weekday, Michael Trovato of Melbourne, Australia, stopped by while visiting his twin sister in Bend. □

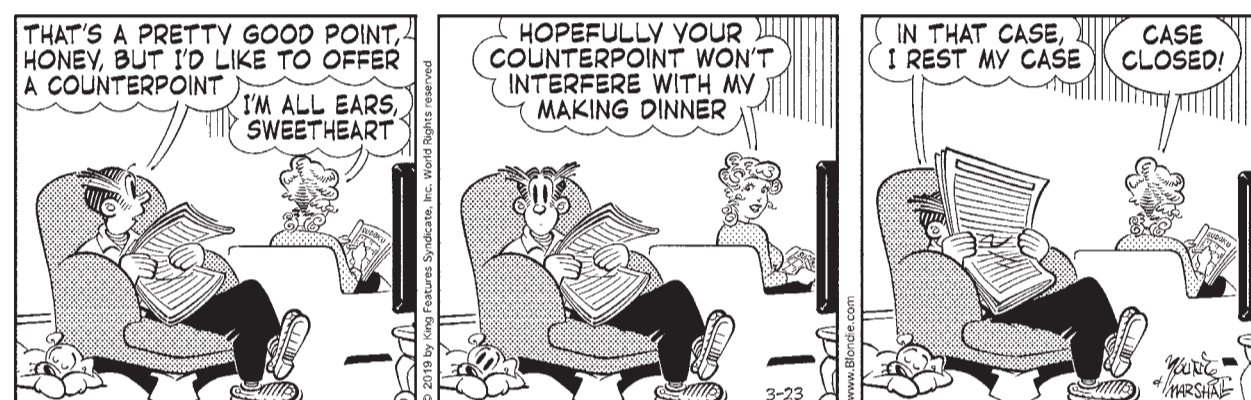
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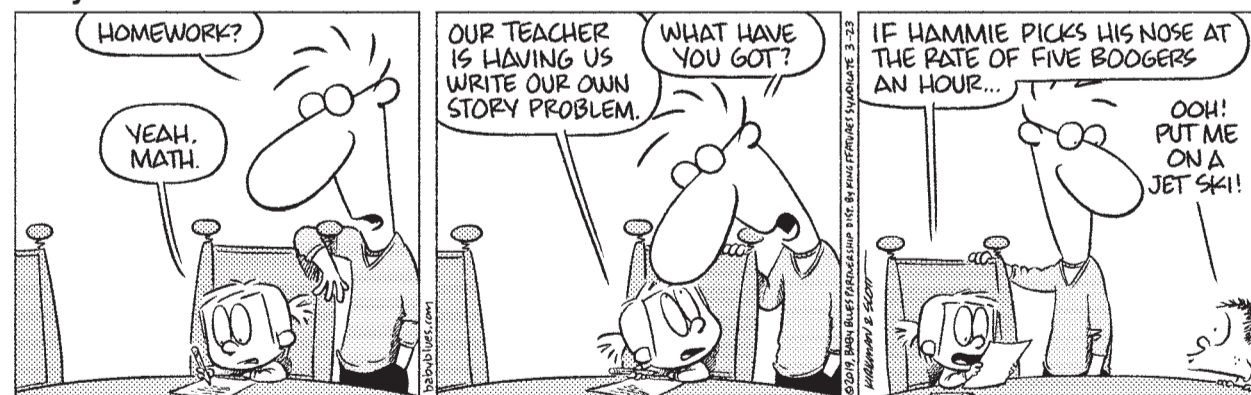
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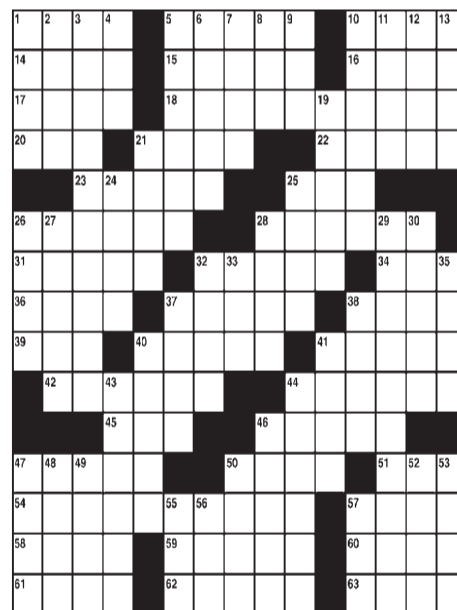
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Low singing voice
- 5 TV's "Kate & "
- 10 Con game
- 14 Costa
- 15 Destroys
- 16 Hustle and bustle
- 17 Surrounded by
- 18 Intermittent
- 20 Suffix for Siam or Japan
- 21 One from Ankara
- 22 See eye \_\_; agree
- 23 Cacophony
- 25 Remain behind
- 26 Not childish
- 28 Waist-length jacket
- 31 Cream of the crop
- 32 Aerosol
- 34 Lamb bearer
- 36 Señorita or Fräulein
- 37 Liquid
- 38 Comic Carvey
- 39 Sept.'s follower
- 40 Window covering
- 41 Kennedy & others regard
- 44 Tune
- 45 "Old MacDonald a farm..."
- 46 Recent vice president
- 47 Valuable thing
- 50 Big successes
- 51 Benin's continent: abbr.
- 54 Ranting deliriously
- 57 Suffix for access or flex
- 58 Perjurer
- 59 Funeral hymn
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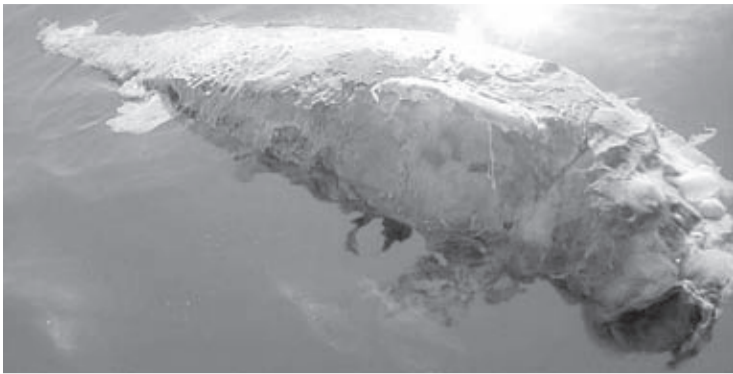
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**DOWN**

- 1 Scottish hillside
- 2 Objectives
- 3 Pierre & Marie Curie, e.g.
- 4 Melancholy
- 5 Stir up
- 6 Ill-gotten gain
- 7 Keep an ice cream cone from dripping
- 8 Once \_\_ blue moon; seldom
- 9 19th letter
- 10 Larry, Moe or Curly Joe
- 11 Tepee's shape: abbr.
- 12 Call it \_\_; quit & go home
- 13 Beauty mark
- 19 European nation
- 21 Grow weary
- 24 Pitcher's delights
- 25 Burden
- 26 Office note
- 27 Mrs. Ralph Kramden
- 28 Soft cheese
- 29 Logical
- 30 Possessed
- 32 Grand \_\_; four-run homer
- 33 Baby dog
- 35 Simple

- 37 Actor Savage
- 38 Pineapple brand
- 40 End of life
- 41 Maroon & ruby
- 43 Unproved assumption
- 44 Hand warmer
- 46 Game of chance
- 47 Feels miserable
- 48 Tiny cut
- 49 Skin mark
- 50 Rescuer
- 52 Get away
- 53 Actor Foxx
- 55 Ames & Asner
- 56 Tear
- 57 Suffix for balloon or cartoon



In this March 12, 2019 photo released by the Sea Shepherd organization, the body of a dead animal believed to be a vaquita, a critically endangered species of porpoise, floats in the ocean after being found in an illegal totoaba net recovered by Sea Shepherd in the Gulf of California off of Mexico.

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## Mexico launches plan to mark vaquita porpoise reserve

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The Mexican government said Thursday it will use buoys to mark the reserve of the world's most endangered marine mammal, in a bid to save the last remaining 10 or so vaquita marina porpoises.

The Environment Department promised to provide social programs and jobs for fishing communities in the upper Gulf of California, the only place in the world the vaquita lives. It said tourism, fish farms and better fishing practices would be encouraged in the area.

The government is faced with the challenge of ending illegal net fishing for totoaba, a fish whose swim bladder is considered a delicacy in China.

Environmentalists said the government program lacked sufficient details and stressed that more urgent measures are needed to save the vaquita from extinction.

Alejandro Olivera, the Mexico representative for the Center for Biological Diversity, said the measures "are not up to the level of urgency that is required."

"With 10 vaquitas left, what is needed is total protection and the immediate elimination of illegal nets from the vaquita's habitat," Olivera said. □

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# Report: Great Lakes feeling effects of rapid climate warming

By JOHN FLESHER  
AP Environmental Writer  
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)

— The Great Lakes region is warming faster than the rest of the U.S., a trend likely to bring more extreme storms while also degrading water quality, worsening erosion and posing tougher challenges for farming, scientists reported Thursday.

The annual mean air temperature in the region, which includes portions of the U.S. Midwest, Northeast and southern Canada, rose 1.6 degrees (0.9 Celsius) from 1901-60 and 1985-2016, according to the report commissioned by the Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center. During the same periods, the mean temperature for the remainder of the contiguous U.S. rose 1.2 degrees (0.7 Celsius).

Warming is expected to continue this century, with rates depending on the volume of heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide and methane that humans pump into the atmosphere. As the air warms, it will hold more moisture, which likely will mean heavier winter snowstorms and spring rains — with more flooding in vulnerable areas.

Yet summers will be hotter and drier.

“Climate change is already



In this March 12, 2019 satellite photo provided by NOAA, shows the Great Lakes in various degrees of snow and ice.

affecting the climate of the Great Lakes region and the physical behavior of the Great Lakes themselves,” said Don Weubbles, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Illinois and former assistant director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Obama administration. The Great Lakes hold about one-fifth of the world’s surface fresh water and are so large that they influence regional weather.

They keep nearby lands

cooler in summer and warmer in winter than those farther inland, while their humidity fuels “lake-effect” snowfall and summer rains. In addition to providing drinking water for millions of people, they are the backbone of an economy built on manufacturing, agriculture and tourism.

A warming climate will add to stresses the lakes have suffered from industrial pollution and development, particularly overflows from urban sewer systems that

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carry harmful bacteria, said the report produced by 18 scientists, most from Midwestern universities as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

While annual U.S. precipitation increased 4 percent between 1901 and 2015, it jumped nearly 10 percent in the Great Lakes region, with much of the increase due to unusually large storms, the report said.

Future precipitation is likely to happen less evenly, de-

creasing 5 to 15 percent in the summer by 2100.

Heat waves should become more common, posing risks for the elderly and children with asthma. By the end of the century, the region should have up to 40 additional days with temperatures exceeding 90 degrees (32.2 Celsius).

Winter snowfall should decrease in most places, although locales accustomed to “lake-effect” squalls can expect them to dump even more snow — particularly along the Lake Ontario snowbelt in New York.

The study did not include a cost-benefit analysis of a warming climate’s likely results. Several of the scientists said in a phone news conference there may be some bright spots but that the economic impact would be mostly negative. The region could have longer growing seasons, said Brad Cardinale of the University of Michigan’s Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research.

But the report suggests that benefit could be offset by wetter springs that make it harder to plant crops, plus increasing drought and heat in summer. Corn and soybean yields are expected to drop 10 to 30 percent by the century’s end. □



This image provided by NASA shows astronauts Anne McClain and Nick Hague taking a spacewalk to replace aging batteries on the International Space Station on Friday, March 22, 2019.

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# Spacewalking astronauts swap out space station’s batteries

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
AP Science Writer

Changing batteries in orbit took some huffing and puffing and some intricate maneuvering by two spacewalkers Friday. But in the end, it went almost as smoothly as doing the chore back on Earth.

NASA’s Anne McClain and Nick Hague took 6 hours and 39 minutes to replace three old nickel-hydrogen batteries with more powerful lithium-ion batteries on the International Space Station. They struggled with a stubborn bolt on the last battery plate, but eventually got the piece of bat-

tery equipment out and installed.

The rookie spacewalkers had to be reminded to enjoy the view from about 250 miles up. Near the end of the spacewalk, astronaut Thomas Pesquet at Mission Control told McClain: “There’s the Earth right behind you.”

“I noticed. Beautiful,” McClain said.

As the spacewalkers were taking off their spacesuits, they got a surprise message from Hague’s wife, Air Force Lt. Col. Catie Hague: “You guys nailed it. Awesome job. Talk to you later. Love you.”

The station’s robotic arm had done much of the heavy work beforehand, but the astronauts still had to lug 300-pound pieces the size of a large coffee table and reconnect battery wiring. There are more replacements of the 20-year-old station’s original batteries to come. NASA is about halfway through replacing 48 batteries with ones that are expected to last the remainder of the station’s life. The space station uses solar panels to generate power but the batteries are used when it’s in the dark and not getting power from the sun. □

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## After a decade, Wallows finally releases band's first album

By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — In their early days, the Beatles were called Johnny and the Moondogs and Coldplay went by Pectoralz. The rock band Wallows is no different.

Over the years, the trio has had a number of names, from the Feaver to The Narwhals. Now they're taking a big step to help people remember the band: A full-length album.

Wallows is made up of "13 Reasons Why" star Dylan Minnette, fellow actor Braeden Lemasters (his credits include Amazon's "The Romanoffs") and Cole Preston. They've released singles independently, toured, and recorded an EP in 2018, but their debut, 11-track studio album, called "Nothing Happens," is out Friday. They're launching a tour through North America and parts of Europe beginning in April at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. It's been a long time coming for the trio but they agree the timing is right. "Had we been doing well when we were kids, it would've been a completely different thing,"



This March 20, 2019 photo shows Braeden Lemasters, left, Cole Preston, center, and Dylan Minnette of the indie rock band Wallows posing for a portrait at SIR Studios in Los Angeles.

said Preston.

The trio talked to The Associated Press about their intro to music, choosing an album cover and finally releasing their album. Answers have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: You've been together since you were kids. When you think back to those early days, do you feel like you were good from the start?

Minnette: Oh, we've definitely gotten better over time but I'd say we were pretty badass when we were 13.

Preston: We were way more confident then.

AP: What does it feel like to have what you've been working toward finally come out?

Minnette: We've always known, we're going to be an album band. We wanted our records to be cohesive, make a lot of sense and be projects that stand on their own. And I feel like we definitely reveal a lot more than we ever have in our songs. AP: How did you get this knowledge of music as kids to even start a band?

Lemasters: For me, it was my dad. He was in bands when I was growing up and I would go to his gigs. And he showed me the Beatles when I was like 9 and it blew my mind. It just kind of happened. I started playing guitar for eight hours a day in my room at around 10 and then formed (this) band. That was it.

Preston: I remember when "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" were really big and I became obsessed. I decided I wanted to play a real instrument so started playing the drums. But I was

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like a nerd for "Guitar Hero" and posted my high scores online. Minnette: You did? Preston: Scorehero.com. I'm sure they're still up there. Drumbum1096 was my handle.

Minnette: My dad was also a musician so we'd sit at dinner and he'd be like, "Who's this again, Dylan?" "Stevie Wonder." Then I started discovering my own music like Kings of Leon. Also from streaming music. I know a lot of people can say a lot about the digital age of music, but I feel like it's so easy, in the best way, to discover music now. You can discover incredible artists all day long.

AP: Your album cover looks like a simple piece of fabric. Talk about that.

Lemasters: Album covers and band names are the hardest thing to think of. We reached out to a lot of artists and they sent us really good stuff but it didn't connect. And our manager was texting us like, "Guys, where's the album cover? This is two days late. You're not going to have a vinyl for the release." And I took out my phone and took a picture of the back of Dylan's shirt jokingly. □

## 'Thrones' actress Emilia Clarke says she's had 2 aneurysms

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Game of Thrones" actress Emilia Clarke revealed Thursday that she has had two life-threatening aneurysms, and two brain surgeries, since the show began.

An unknown actress before landing the role, Clarke had just finished filming her first season as Daenerys Targaryen, the "Mother of Dragons," on the HBO fantasy series when she had the first aneurysm in 2011 at age 24 while working out at a London gym.

"Just when all my childhood dreams seemed to have come true, I nearly lost my mind and then my life," Clarke writes in a first-person story in The New Yorker. "I've never told this story publicly, but now it's time."

Clarke said she had been



This Feb. 24, 2019 file photo, Emilia Clarke arrives at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

healthy all her life, but was suffering from serious stress when the artery burst in her brain. Much of it came from constant press ques-

tions about the nudity of her character, a conquering queen, in the show's first episode.

"I always got the same

question: some variation of 'You play such a strong woman, and yet you take off your clothes. Why?'" Clarke writes. "In my head,

I'd respond, 'How many men do I need to kill to prove myself?'"

She said she suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage, which can very easily be fatal. She was unable to speak her full name even weeks later.

The second surgery, which was more invasive and involved opening her skull, came after Clarke finished shooting the third season.

"I looked as though I had been through a war more gruesome than any that Daenerys experienced," Clarke writes. "I emerged from the operation with a drain coming out of my head. Bits of my skull had been replaced by titanium. These days, you can't see the scar that curves from my scalp to my ear, but I didn't know at first that it wouldn't be visible." □

Associated Press

# Riding the wave: Surfers grow up in touching documentary

By **EDDIE PELLIS**  
Associated Press

The day surfing lost one of its most beloved rabble-rousers was the day it rediscovered its soul. That's one of the many takeaways from "Momentum Generation," a beautifully melancholy documentary that is, at its core, about surfers, but speaks every bit as fluently about friendship, loyalty and the price people are willing —

or not willing — to pay to be the best at what they do. This is not simply a movie for surfing fans, the likes of which populated the fringe, action-sports landscape in the 1990s and helped make most of the real-life protagonists in this 2018 film (fairly) rich and (largely) famous. Using decades-old footage from surfing filmmaker Taylor Steele's voluminous



In this May 17, 2011, file photo, Kelly Slater competes in the first round of the Billabong Rio Pro surfing competition at the Arpoador Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

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archives, directors Jeff and Michael Zimbalist (The Two Escobars, Favela Rising) take viewers on a ride through the waves that starts on the North Shore of Oahu, where a teenage group of preternaturally talented surfers, some of them from broken homes, gather and begin bonding. They are not-so-gently schooled by the rabble-rouser, Todd Chesser. Chesser is a daredevil, an older-brother figure who throws these boys in with the sharks, while keeping a sharp pin prick at the ready to slap down anyone who shows even the faintest sign of thinking he's bigger than the game. Chesser's ethos helps transform the boys into men and, somehow, they manage to stay friends while also becoming fierce competitors, ganging up to knock Australia's pro-surfing dynasty off its pedestal. All is well for the young Americans until 1995. The best in the sport is Kelly Slater. His nearest rival is also his best friend, Rob Machado, who, decades later, spent nearly six years collaborating with his manager and others to get this movie made. As their dream season pushes forward, the relationship between Slater and Machado grows tense. The crescendo comes during a

season-ending contest at which Machado and Slater are going mano a mano in a heat that will decide who wins the season-long world championship. Toward the end of the riveting back-and-forth duel, Machado rolls out early from a wave and gives Slater, who is waiting there, a possibly ill-timed high-five that seems to indicate all is forgiven, no matter who wins. That high-five changed a lot. The movie goes into detail about the whats and whys, but suffice it to say that nearly a quarter-century after the event, the debate over what really happened lingers. "In my recollection, the heat had already been dictated, and basically, that was irrelevant," Machado said in an interview this week with The Associated Press. "It didn't really matter." Maybe not that day. But Slater won. In the aftermath, he went on to become the most successful pro surfer in history, while Machado's competitive career was never the same. Neither, however, emerged unscathed by Chesser's death less than 15 months later; he was killed while surfing a wild wave on Oahu's Outside Alligators. The tragedy forces every-

one in this testosterone-charged world to reckon with his demons: abusive and absent parents; drug and alcohol addiction; fraying friendships; the fallout from years of hyper-competitiveness, the residue of which can't forever be tamped down with a friendly postgame beer. "Who won?" Taylor Knox says in the movie, possibly realizing how late he was in solving the ultimate question that stares down pro surfers. "To me, it's the one having the most fun." That's not an uncommon refrain in the action-sports world. Surfers' action-sports cousins, the snowboarders, still grapple with riding for money and medals, and with being co-opted into a bloated Olympic domain that even the most mercenary in the sport will concede does not mesh with their values. As "Momentum Generation" details, surfers are a few decades ahead in the life cycle of this conundrum. They were riding for cash and prizes before the snowboard was invented. An icon's untimely death threw a tear-stained blanket over it for many of them, and the subsequent success Machado and many others have enjoyed has come on the "lifestyle" side of the sport. □

# Iron Chef Alex Guarnaschelli on cooking with her 11-yr-old

By KELLI KENNEDY

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.

(AP) — Alex Guarnaschelli might be a revered judge on TV's *Chopped*, one of the few female iron chefs and the author of two best-selling cookbooks, but in her 11-year-old daughter's eyes Chef Gordon Ramsay is still the ultimate authority on food.

"She only has one cookbook — Gordon Ramsay's last cookbook. She'll say, 'let's make chicken parm' and I'll say, 'Great. I'll get out Dione Lucas' book'," said the Food Network star. "She'll say, 'no, we're gonna do what Gordo says'."

Guarnaschelli was in Miami in February hosting a clam-bake and other events at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival and dished with The Associated Press on cooking with her daughter Ava and what it was like growing up with a famous cookbook editor as a mom. Maria Guarnaschelli edited the seminal "Joy of Cooking."

"The food we are exposed to during childhood can have a profound effect on our cooking (and eat-



In this Feb. 21, 2014 file photo, Food Network chef Alex Guarnaschelli is interviewed in Miami Beach, Fla.

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ing) choices when we become adults," she says. "My mother would whip up a soufflé from scratch on a weeknight and my father would stir fry some Cantonese food the next."

She was given minor roles like peeling potatoes, cutting carrots and kneading the bread. One of the first recipes she ever made was chocolate pavement cookies.

"I think I cooked my first chicken thighs when I was 13 and they were raw," she said.

On Instagram, she shares snippets of her cooking adventures with her daughter, showing pics of her slicing salmon, making kumquat marmalade (they love to make homemade jams, mustard and hot sauce together) and even revealing a small burn on Ava's

arm from a kitchen mishap. Some days, Ava says she wants to be a chef and even gave her mother a handwritten plan of action starting as a sous chef and working her way to executive chef and owner.

"Some days I cook and she doesn't get involved at all," said Guarnaschelli, who spent four years in Paris cooking at the Michelin three-star restaurant Guy Savoy. "Some days she wants to make a whole meal from scratch."

Ava started poking around the kitchen around the age of 7 and loves watching the Food Network, especially Bobby Flay and Ina Garten.

"She's big on snacks so I'll go in the kitchen and she'll make charred peppers with avocado," said the proud mom, who says her daughter has a natural instinct with ingredients. "She'll take the cooked quinoa in the fridge and get some fresh gooseberries and she'll make a vinaigrette with lemon and olive oil."

Her mom says Ava makes Beef Wellington every Christmas, a mean eggplant parmesan and throws

around words like escarole and umami in her everyday vocabulary.

When her mother asked what she could pick her up for breakfast once, her daughter requested dragon fruit. But like any kid, sometimes she just wants pizza and a hamburger.

And Guarnaschelli is quick to stress, "I'm not forcing her." She encourages parents who want their children to join them in the kitchen to let it happen organically.

"The more I leave her alone ... the better chance I have of her coming to me if I give her space to find the questions to ask."

Hanging out at her mother's New York restaurant Butter after school, she sometimes helps the chef pick parsley, cut up fruit or peel an onion.

As a top chef in an industry that's notoriously harsh on women, Guarnaschelli says she's not trying to show Ava what women can achieve. "I try to leave gender out of it," Guarnaschelli said.

"I want to keep her from developing the idea that any gender does any one bit." □

# Candy Crush vs. Mortal Kombat for Video Game Hall of Fame

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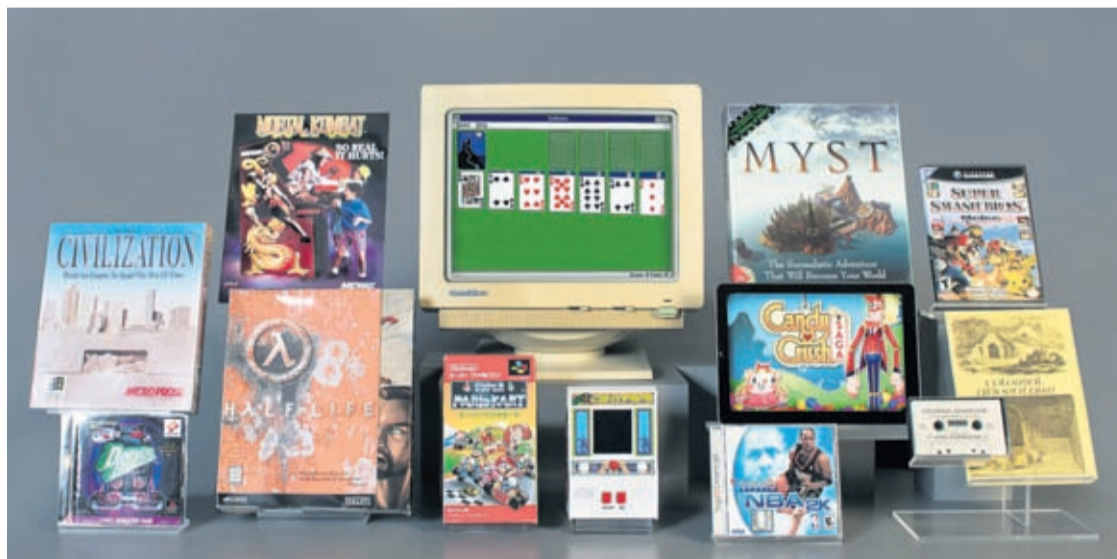
ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) —

The World Video Game Hall of Fame fielded thousands of nominations for the Class of 2019 from more than 100 countries, hall officials said Thursday after narrowing the field to 12.

"Will 'Centipede' devour the competition? Can 'Mortal Kombat' fight its way to victory? Will 'Microsoft Windows Solitaire' play its cards correctly?" the Hall of Fame said in a news release revealing this year's 12 finalists. "Can 'Super Mario Kart' speed past the finish line? Is 'NBA 2K' a slam dunk?"

The other contenders are: "Candy Crush," "Colossal Cave Adventure," "Dance Dance Revolution," "Half-Life," "Myst," "Sid Meier's Civilization" and "Super Smash Bros. Melee."

An expert committee will



In this undated photo provided by The Strong Museum, packaging for the 12 finalists for induction into the World Video Game Hall of Fame sit on display in Rochester, N.Y.

choose which finalists will be inducted May 2. Gamers can weigh in with an online ballot through March 28.

The World Video Game Hall of Fame, housed at The Strong museum in Rochester, recognizes individual

electronic games of all types — arcade, console, computer, hand-held and mobile. Those deemed worthy of the hall have left a mark on the video game industry or pop culture and been popular over time and across countries.

Last year, "John Madden Football," "Spacewar!" "Tomb Raider" and "Final Fantasy VII" were honored. The Class of 2019 will be the fifth group to go into the hall since it was established in 2015.

Newzoo analysts estimated

the video game market at nearly \$140 billion in 2018, with more than 2.3 billion active gamers. The numbers dwarf the \$43.4 billion in revenue generated by the American film industry.

The 12 Hall of Fame finalists span decades, gaming platforms and countries of origin, but all have had an impact, Jon-Paul Dyson, director of The Strong's International Center for the History of Electronic Games, said in the news release.

"Whether it's a true pioneer like 'Colossal Cave Adventure,' a mobile gaming phenomenon like 'Candy Crush' that's been played by hundreds of millions, or a game like 'Mortal Kombat' that pushed boundaries and changed the landscape of the gaming industry," Dyson said, "they're among the most influential games of all time." □

# Culinary delights found along the Charlevoix Flavor Trail

By JOHN MARSHALL

Associated Press

LA MALBAIE, Quebec (AP)

— Danielle Ricard was walking through the woods not far from the shore of the St. Lawrence River when her husband, Jean-Pierre, kicked a patch of mushrooms. It led to an epiphany.

Bankruptcies had hit the Charlevoix Region of eastern Quebec hard in 2002 and the couple had been looking for another source of income to get by.

"I know what we'll do!" Danielle told her husband. "We'll grow mushrooms!"

It took eight years of research and development, but the Ricards finally got it right, developing a delicacy with bucket-grown oyster mushrooms in a red barn at the foot of the Laurentians.

The mushrooms of Champignons Charlevoix lie at the heart — stomach? — of the epicurean delights found along La Route des Saveurs de Charlevoix, known in English as the Charlevoix Flavor Trail.

Located northeast of Quebec City along the St. Lawrence River, the Charlevoix Flavor Trail features more than four dozen local growers, producers and restaurateurs in an area known as a rural vacation spot for the wealthy in the early 20th century.

Artisanal cheeses, craft beer, aperitif wines, homemade ciders, fine chocolates, fresh fruit and produce, and organic meats can be found all along the 89-mile (143 km) route.



In this undated photo released by Route des Saveurs, a bottle of tomato-based wine waits to be sold at Omerito in Baie-Saint-Paul, Quebec in Canada.

If you're looking for something exotic, try salty duck foie gras made according to traditional Basque methods at La Ferme Basque de Charlevoix, or the tomato-based aperitif wine at Omerito, or emu steaks and oils at Centre de l'Emeu de Charlevoix.

Most growers and producers are happy to provide samples and, in most cases, demonstrations. The restaurants, from bakeries to bistros to fine dining, offer foods from across the Flavor Trail and the region, every bite leaving you wanting more.

"We are very proud to provide meaningful visitor experiences to people who are definitely focused around foodie interests," said Louise Vidricaire, owner of Azulee, an organic lavender farm in Baie-Saint-Paul.

"I think anybody who comes to Charlevoix should

look into La Route des Saveurs. It offers a complete tour of the area from the river route, and you can return to your base through the mountain route."

Azulee sits on a heritage Charlevoix farm built in the mid-1800s and is filled with bright fields of purple — when the lavender is in season — and various plants, organic herbs and edible flowers.

Vidricaire, a translator and former English teacher, has a drying shed/boutique behind the main house, and offers food products ranging from double chocolate lavender brownies and blueberry lavender jam to lavender essential oils, candles and lip balm.

"I told my husband I was going to start gardening

and he didn't expect it to be quite this scope," said Vidricaire, who began developing the farm in 2014. "When I studied how much sun I get on this land, which is between eight and 12 hours, it was ideal for lavender."

Pascal Miche created one of the most unique products on the Charlevoix Flavor Trail — or anywhere — by building upon an idea of his great-grandfather's: tomato wine.

Omer Miche had concocted a tomato-based elixir in 1938, and long wanted to make wine from tomatoes. Pascal did so, naming it in his Belgian great-grandfather's honor. In the mountains above Baie-Saint-Paul, Omerito produces dry and sweet wine from

six varieties of tomatoes that have won numerous awards.

"I researched the best variety to adapt to our climate here in Quebec," Miche said. "I found the six best varieties, and to vinify it is exactly the same process as the grapes."

If you have time for the scenic route, take the Train de Charlevoix, about two hours roundtrip from Baie-Saint-Paul to La Malbaie, which both have numerous stops on the flavor trail.

GETTING THERE: Montreal is about a four-hour drive from Baie-Saint-Paul and has direct flights from most major cities. Quebec City is about 75 minutes by car, but may require a connecting flight.

WHERE TO STAY: Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, La Malbaie. The spectacular hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence has been a favorite of celebrities and world leaders, and hosted the G7 Summit in 2018. It has five superb restaurants and is a short walk from another stop on the Flavor Trail, Auberge des 3 Canards.

WORTH SEEING: Old Quebec City. Set along the St. Lawrence, you'll feel as if you've been transported to France, with the old buildings and Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac — site of the Quebec Conferences during World II — rising above the lower portion of the old city. □



In this Sept. 19, 2018 photo, a tourist tries a sample of cheese from the Fromagerie Saint-Fidèle in Saint-Fidèle, Quebec in Canada. Associated Press



In this Sept. 19, 2018 photo, lab technician Ginette Beaulieu describes how the cheese at Fromagerie Saint-Fidèle is made in Saint-Fidèle, Quebec in Canada. Associated Press